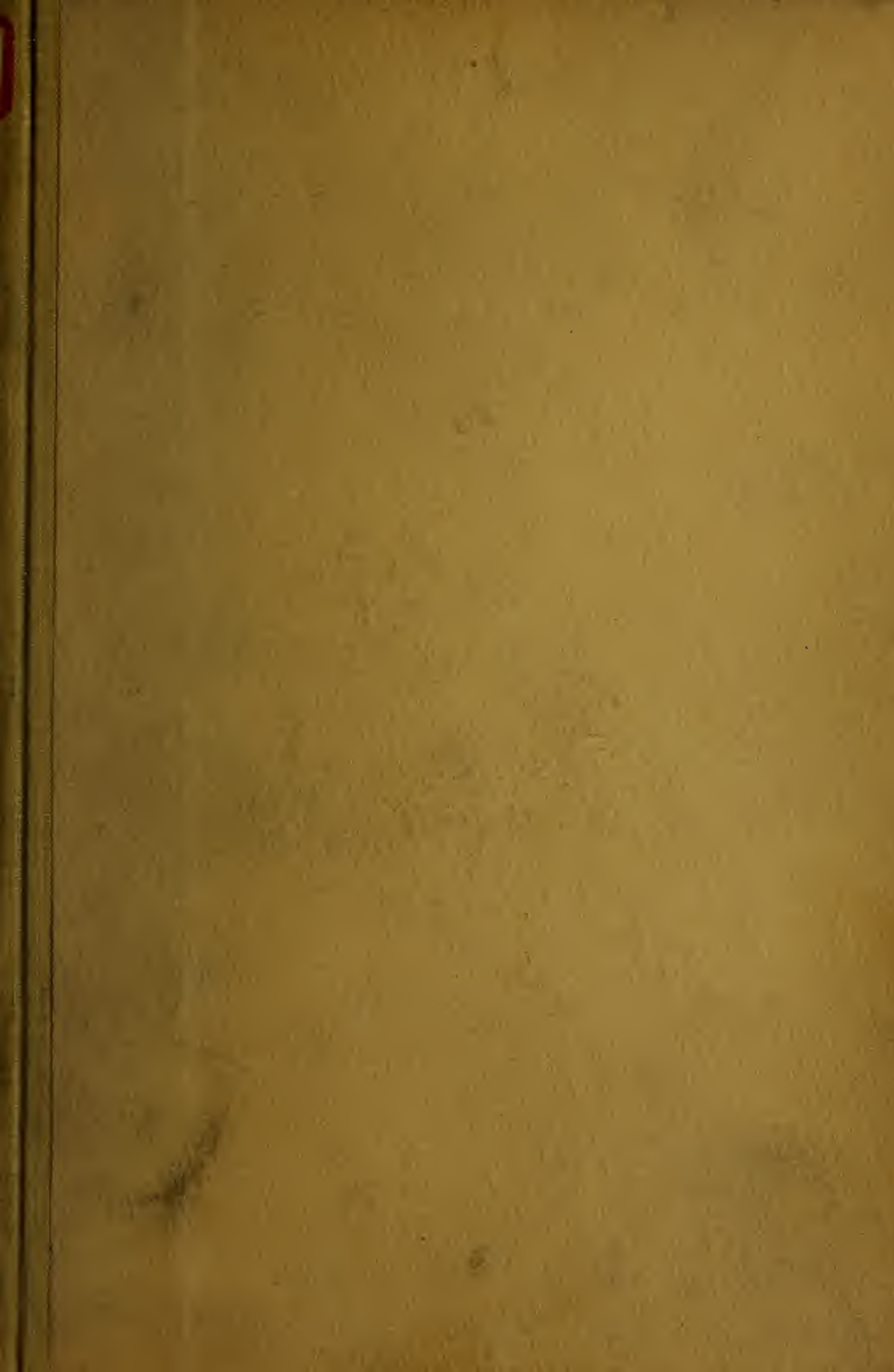




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OF

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OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

At Emergent Communications, held August 24, 1886, and December 2, 1886,

AT THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held at Truro, commencing June 1st, A. D. 1887,

AND AT THE

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

AN Emergent Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Westville, on Tuesday, August 24th, 1886.

PRESENT:

M. W. BRO. LEWIS JOHNSTONE.....Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. CHARLES F. COCHRAN.....Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. HECTOR T. SUTHERLAND...Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BRO. CHARLES TANNER.....as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. BRO. C. J. MCKINNON.....as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BRO. BENJ. CURREN.....Grand Secretary.
R. W. BRO. J. W. McDONALD.....Dist. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. THOMAS TANNER.....Dist. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. REV. D. C. MOORE.....Grand Chaplain.
V. W. BRO. A. McLEOD.....as Sen. Grand Deacon.
V. W. BRO. M. CONNORS.....as Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. BRO. I. D. COOK.....Gr. Supt. of Works.
V. W. BRO. J. H. CAVANAGH.....as Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. BRO. J. JOHNSTONE.....as Gr. Sw. Bearer.
V. W. BRO. A. I. RICE.....as Grand Organist.
V. W. BRO. J. Denoon.....as Grand Pursuivant.

V. W. BRO. J. McQUARRIE	as Grand Steward.
V. W. BRO. J. MAXWELL.....	as " "
V. W. BRO. W. McKENZIE.....	as " "
V. W. BRO. R. FRASER.....	as " "
V. W. BRO. A. McLEOD.....	as " "
V. W. BRO. A. LORRIMER.....	Bible Bearer.
V. W. BRO. J. J. McKEIL.....	Grand Tyler.

Together with brethren from Western Star, New Caledonia, Albion, Keith, Curren and North Star Lodges.

OBJECT OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Master, after opening Grand Lodge, announced that he had summoned this Emergent Communication for the purpose of dedicating the new hall, in Westville, built by the brethren of Western Star Lodge for Masonic purposes.

A procession was then formed, when the officers of Grand Lodge proceeded to the new Hall, which was dedicated with the usual ceremonies by the M. W. Grand Master.

After the solemn services of dedication had been performed, an eloquent address was delivered by R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, of New Glasgow, Past Deputy G. Master.

It is but simple justice to Bro. Rice and his excellent choir to record the fact that the brethren were highly gratified with the delightful music furnished by them for the dedication ceremony, and which contributed so much to cause this occasion to be long and pleasantly remembered by all present.

The business of the Emergent Communication being ended, the Grand Officers retired, when Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and with prayer by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

AN Emergent Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Pictou on Thursday, Dec 2nd, 1886.

PRESENT :

M. W. BRO. LEWIS JOHNSTONE.....	Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. REV. D. C. MOORE.....	as Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. BRO. HECTOR T. SUTHERLAND.....	Sen. Grand Warden.
R. W. BRO. THOMAS TANNER	as Jun. Grand Warden.
R. W. BRO. W. B. ALLEY.....	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BRO. BENJ. CURREN.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. BRO. S. J. WADDELL.....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. BRO. REV. J. EDGECOMBE.	as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. BRO. J. McMILLAN.....	as Sen. G. Deacon.
V. W. BRO. J. A. GORDON.....	as Jun. G. Deacon.
V. W. BRO. J. R. DAVIES.....	as G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. BRO. J. H. CAVANAGH.....	as G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. BRO. F. W. FRASER.....	as G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. BRO. A. I. RICE.....	as Grand Organist.
V. W. BRO. W. F. TANNER.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. BRO. G. MURRAY	as Grand Steward.
V. W. BRO. A. FISHER.....	" "
V. W. BRO. JOHN GUNN.....	" "

V. W. BRO. C. PATTERSON	as Grand Steward.
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V. W. BRO. GEO. IVES	} ..Bible Bearers.
V. W. BRO. W. CHIPMAN.....	
V. W. BRO. J. J. McKEIL.....	Grand Tyler.

Together with the members of New Caledonia, and visiting brethren from Albion and other Lodges.

OBJECT OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock, p. m., when the M. W. Grand Master informed the officers of Grand Lodge that he had convened this Emergent Communication for the purpose of dedicating the new Freemasons' Hall, in Pictou, erected for Masonic purposes by the brethren of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11.

The officers of Grand Lodge then proceeded to the new Hall, where the usual and solemn ceremonies of dedication were very efficiently performed by the M. W. Grand Master, assisted by his officers, and an excellent choir under the leadership of Bro. Rice, who ably presided at the organ.

At the request of the G. Master, short addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton; Bro. A. H. McKay, Principal of the Pictou Academy; W. Bro. W. B. Alley, of Truro; W. Bro. Charles E. Tanner, of Pictou, who had undergone but quite recently an interesting ceremony of *installation*, and by R. W. Bro. Curren, Grand Secretary.

The business for which this Special Communication had been convened, being ended, Grand Lodge retired to the place of meeting, in an adjoining building, and was closed in Ample Form, and with prayer by Rev. Bro. Edgecombe, acting Grand Chaplain.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Truro. commencing on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, A. D. 1887, A. L. 5887, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT.

M. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M. D.....	Grand Master.
R. W. C. F. COCHRAN.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. H. T. SUTHERLAND.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. T. TRENAMAN.....	Dist. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. H. E. JEFFERSON.....	" "
R. W. T. B. CROSBY.....	" "
R. W. J. DEMPSTER.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. B. CURREN.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. S. J. WADDELL.....	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. D. C. MOORE.....	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. T. B. LAYTON.....	" "
R. W. REV. G. B. DODWELL.....	" "
V. W. H. S. JACQUES.....	Senior G. Deacon.
V. W. R. S. MASTERS.....	Junior G. Deacon.
V. W. I. D. COOK.....	G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. R. MCLEOD	G. Sword Bearer.

V. W. S. PORTER.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. A. McDONALD.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. A. B. BAXTER.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. T. G. D. SCOTLAND.....	" "
V. W. J. J. McKEIL.....	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. J. W. LAURIE.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. W. TAYLOR	" " "
R. W. C. J. McDONALD.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. T. A. COSSMANN.....	" " " "
R. W. REV. D. C. MOORE.....	" " " "
R. W. W. ROSS.,.....	" " " "
R. W. B. CURREN.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. WILLIAMS.....	" " " "
R. W. T. R. HARRIS.....	" " " "
R. W. J. F. McDONALD.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. S. PORTER.....	" " " "
R. W. R. L. BLACK.....	" " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND
LODGES.

ENGLAND.....	M. W. J. W. Laurie.
SCOTLAND.....	R. W. G. Fraser.
ARIZONA.....	R. W. W. Williams.
CONNECTICUT.....	R. W. T. Trenaman.
DELAWARE.....	R. W. T. B. Crosby.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA.....	W. A. E. Curren.
ILLINOIS	R. W. T. A. Cossmann.
KENTUCKY !.....	M. W. L. Johnstone.
MARYLAND.....	R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore.
MANITOBA.....	R. W. J. F. McDonald.
MISSISSIPPI	W. G. Hyde.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. W. Taylor.
NEW JERSEY.....	R. W. B. Curren.
NEW YORK.....	M. W. J. W. Laurie.
OHIO.....	R. W. C. J. Macdonald.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.....	R. W. W. Ross.
TENNESSEE... ..	R. W. R. L. Black.
WISCONSIN.....	R. W. J. Dempster.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when forty lodges were found represented.

The Representatives from a constitutional number of Subordinate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. L. B. Archibald, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons of good standing be admitted as visitors, during the present Communication.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the reading of the minutes of the Annual Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

The Minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at Emergent Communications held at Westville and Pictou during the year were then read and approved.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Letters, apologizing for absence from the present Annual Communication, were read from :

R. W. BRO. A. ROBINSON	Dist.	Dep. G. Master.
R. W. BRO. D. M. OWEN.....	"	"
R. W. BRO. T. TANNER	"	"
R. W. BRO. W. R. CUTLER.....	"	"
R. W. BRO. W. PROCTOR.....	"	"

DIVINE SERVICE.

In pursuance of a wish expressed by the M. W. Grand Master, and conveyed to the members of Grand Lodge in the Summons to attend this Annual Communication, Grand Lodge, under the direction of R. W. Bro. R. L. Black as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and headed by the Truro brass band,

proceeded to St. John's Church, where divine service was performed by the Rev. Bros. Geo. B. Dodwell, J. R. S. Parkinson, and S. Gibbons, and the following sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Past D. G. M., Grand Chaplain, from the text:

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Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King.

The Holy Writings have a most prominent position among the lights of Masonry. We hold them to be God's inestimable gift. They contain our rule of faith and practice; from their exhaustless treasury we obtain such a measure of Divine knowledge, as will guide us safely through the rough and perilous journey of this world, and fit us for the intensity of the worship in that most glorious temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—to which every true Mason looks as the Great Grand Lodge of all, ruled by the Great Architect of the Universe, for ever and ever. But we are told we are enemies of true religion—and many hard things are said of us. No man can become a Mason who is without belief in God. Doubtless some bodies of Masons have fallen away—but how do true Masons deal with such. Let our records speak,—in 1877 this Grand Lodge was informed by Grand Master Laurie that the supreme body ruling over Freemasonry in France, had omitted from its Constitution the first fundamental principle of Freemasonry—the belief in a great First Cause—a Personal God.

It was moved at once by me, seconded by our dear venerable brother Col. Poyntz, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and unanimously carried, that “The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia hereby resolves—That the Grand Orient of France having by such alteration rendered admissible as members of Lodges within its jurisdiction, individuals who do not believe in the existence of a Personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry and acted in violation of the first great principle of the Order; and therefore, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia hereby declares that it cannot recognize the Grand Orient of France, as a Masonic Body, and directs all Lodges working under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to decline receiving as Masons, any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or any subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.”

In Italy I can bear personal testimony to the fact that the Bible holds the same position in a Masonic Lodge that it holds in our English speaking Lodges. Yet, notwithstanding these facts, which are no secrets, but patent to all who care to know, we are still assailed. Hear some extracts from a late Belgian publication: “Masonry is essentially not a beneficial association as it appears to outsiders and even to the vast majority of its adherents, but a religious sect, and one of the most diabolical kind. Its ritual and its ceremonies are cunningly designed

to parody the Sacraments of the Church, and its sworn purpose since its organization in England has been the destruction of Christianity." * * "The great secret of masonry consists in knowing that Freemasonry is the work of Satan—his religion, his worship, his citadel among men, and his seat of operation upon earth." * * "Lucifer, say the Masonic theologians, the genius of goodness, does everything that contributes to the happiness of man. God destroys the work of humanitarian progress and wishes only the ruin of the human race."

This MOST TRUTHFUL writer gives the following as the Freemasons' prayer :

"O Adonai, accursed God, the first duty of every intelligent and free man is to banish Thee from his mind and his conscience, for Thou art essentially hostile to our nature and we do not recognize Thy authority. We arrive at knowledge in spite of Thee. Thou art the true Satan. Thou art evil. From this day, freed from fear of Thee, and having become wise, we swear, with the hand uplifted towards heaven, that Thou art the torture of our reason and the bugbear of our conscience."

I need not waste adjectives upon this trash, but would pray the Great and Good God to forgive me for even repeating it in this His holy house. Masons would do all honor to His holy name and His word. I question if any portion of the sacred writings would more fully describe the Freemason's position to those included in the mystic tie and to those who are not, than the words with which I began: "Honor all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King." Our coming to-day to this holy and beautiful house so kindly lent to us, is a public acknowledgement that we fear God. The bearing of the Sacred Volume in our procession shows openly to all who see, that God's word is precious in our eyes.

Let me say a word about the Bible, which has its place in our Grand Lodge Room.

It has a history, a history connected with the founding of this diocese just one hundred years ago. Our first Bishop,—the first Bishop ever appointed by the authorities in England to preside over the Church in any of her colonies,—Dr. Charles Inglis, had it given him by King George III., because he did "Fear God and Honour the King." The story is well known, but I must repeat it. During the war which ended in the independence of the United States of America, Dr. Inglis ministered in Trinity Church, New York,—he received notice that if he prayed for the King and the Royal Family, on the following Sunday as usual, he would be shot dead on the spot. He did not quail, but prayed with more than usual fervency for King George and the Royal family.

The would be assassins were over-awed by his solemnity and were quiet during the whole service. His loyal courage was told to the King and he sent him a magnificent Bible and Prayer Book with the Royal monogram on the covers. The Bible is that which the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia owns. In more than

mere letter press it cries to us : Fear God, Honour the King, and if Charles Inglis was loyal to the old King, can we be less so to his Royal grand daughter—the best monarch that ever sat in the old Coronation chair in the Abbey—the womanly Queen who, having known bitter loss herself, sympathizes and makes known, as far as may be, her sympathy to every sufferer in her realms—the most devoted of wives—a mother whose children can each and all rise up and call her blessed. I am old enough to remember seeing tears shed for the death of King George IV., yes for him. I remember well the general mourning for King William IV., the Sailor King,—and the accession of Queen Victoria, the sweet faced girl, whose jubilee, loyal hearts and true are now celebrating throughout her vast empire and outside of it.

When Queen was written over King, the National Anthem gained in tenderness, and what prayer goes up to-day with more fervour than “ God save our Gracious Queen ? ” But we as Masons, brethren, have strong ties, which, loyal as other men may be, they cannot have to her Majesty. Her Father was a Mason,—yes, out here in Nova Scotia he worked as a Mason. Her uncles were Masons,—she is the mother of Masons. The Grand Master of England is the heir to her throne, and she is the patroness of our institution. And Freemasons are accused of being the enemies of thrones,—disloyal subjects forsooth ! Could the absurd be carried further ? No, we Fear God and Honour our Queen, whom may God long preserve on the throne of these realms.

The text includes Love to the Brotherhood. Now Brotherhood, in its chief, usual and primary sense, implies a common parentage. The first human brotherhood existed (of course) between Cain and Abel, and in its tragic ending is a fearful warning how brethren, in the first sense of the word, even, according to the flesh, and that without previous example, can lose sight of the loving bond which unites them, and give themselves over to the evil one so far as even to slay a brother.

There is a brotherhood which includes everything that has passed from the hands of our Common Creator. We may not forget that the earth and all that it contains have a common origin with ourselves—the G. A. O. T. U.

We must ever remember that the same Paternity which we claim brought into existence those beings of which we are pleased to think and speak as the lower orders of beings. Nor are we wrong in so speaking : for the Common Father has given us “ dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” To us he has given every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed.” We should remember our common Parentage—our common origin with these. We should remember it to keep us humble, reflecting that we, as they, spring from the earth ; that the G. A. O. T. U. planned and created them as well as us ; that in Him alone we live, and move, and have our being. We should remember it also that we may treat these

children of our Common Father with proper feeling (even such as are insensate), with kindness and consideration if not insensate, even when they do not, by beauty of form, scent or construction, so much excite our wonder, delight and praise. Properly viewed indeed none of the works of our Omnipotent, and Omniscient Parent can fail to raise these sentiments; but the common Parentage being forgotten, prejudice hides the wondrous construction, the radiant hues, the multiform varieties, the useful qualities, and we hear epithets such as nasty, loathsome, hateful, applied, while the destruction of life (which none but God can give), is too frequently resorted to, and with an unreasoning cruelty we kill the toad, the good friend of the gardener, and crush the spider, who keeps in subjection for us the "plague of flies."

But of all the creatures of His Hand, the G. A. O. T. U. created but one in His own image. He was man.

The only son of His *creation* (for Christ is "not made, nor created, but begotten.")

The only son of His creation is like Him in being endowed with intellect, freedom of action—to leave the evil and choose the good—though too often he reverses the choice.

The only son of His creation into whose nostrils He breathed the breath of life, so that he became a living soul, is alone like Him in possessing an undying spirit.

He alone of all His creations is immortal.

Surely man should always respect his brother man. Surely he should never forget that the honored, ever to be adored Parent, whom he worships and loves as his own Father, is also the Father of the spirits of all men, and therefore he will look upon all men as "brethren," and follow the injunction to "love the brotherhood," for we know that "every one that loveth Him that begat, loveth Him also that is begotten of Him."

This vast human brotherhood, wide as the world, cannot all possibly become acquainted, one with the other, though all recognize a man and a brother, or should do so, when they meet a possessor of the human voice and human form divine.

Ever since the marriages of the immediate children of Adam and Eve, a series of innumerable inner circlets has been increasing,—each looking to a human parent as its centre, its ruler and provider—deputed by the great source and centre of all, the King of Kings, Divine Providence Himself.

These are the natural brotherhoods of men,—this is, as I said at first the chief and usual sense of the term brotherhood—children of the same Father.

As the human race increased and scattered, circles, including those who spoke the same tongue (Babel having wrought its confusion), were formed, and men of warm hearts and loving souls desired the fraternal tie, so that they might feel the

bond, even when away from the shadow of the Parental Vine and no longer sheltered by the fig tree of their father's house. Thus sprang up brotherhoods, real in one sense, for "Sirs ye are brethren—sons of the one G. A. O. T. U.," but artificial in another sense, as founded by "the will of man," by individuals in whom the bond of actual kindred has become so attenuated as to be invisible, even after the most careful search.

Such unions or brotherhoods have become much more numerous of late years, and we have Oddfellows, Forresters, Druids, Grangers and many others in which men are banded together for mutual benefit, and recognize each other by different signs.

These brotherhoods (good and useful when well conducted), have however been imitated in form by others who band themselves together for evil and not for good; who take their awful oaths and give their sinister signs for purposes disloyal to their earthly sovereign; murderous towards their brother men, and insulting to our Common Father the G. A. O. T. U. From such may he keep us all. They pervert the relationship of brethren from one of love to one of hate. They blaspheme the holy Parentage of God, which they ought to reverence with all their powers, for they set at nought by their disloyalty their Divine Father's righteous command—"Fear God and honor the King."

With these latter, Sirs, we, who are brethren in the mystic tie, have nothing to do, no sympathy with their ideas, no fellowship in their nefarious practices. All we can bestow on them is pity for their wrong-headedness and prayers to the G. A. O. T. U. for their better doing.

With the brotherhoods whom I mentioned before them we have much in common, for they are one and all imitations or reflections of the ancient and honorable fraternity to which we have been admitted, a brotherhood excelled by one only, a brotherhood whose principles carried out honestly and fully must and does aid the work of the only brotherhood which excels it, the Grand Master of which is the Man Christ Jesus—"the Christian Brethren." For although there be in other lands and other places members of the Masonic Fraternity, multitudes of Brethren who know not the name of Christ, they, by adoring the G. A. O. T. U., unknowingly adore Him "by whom all things were made, and without whom was not anything made that was made." Masonry must aid Christianity. Its first emblem is an emblem of innocence taken from the Lamb, the inspired emblem of the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, and the mason is raised to his highest privileges only by the strong grip of the lion of the tribe of Judah.

The constitution stands upon a Trinity of attributes which belong to the Great Being whom we ever honor in every Lodge—Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

The covering of the Lodge is no less than the star-paved heaven, to which all good Masons hope to arrive at last, having practised obediently the three great

Masonic (and I may add Christian) virtues, of Faith, Hope and Charity. As I have already shown, no Lodge is furnished except it has as its greatest light the Holy Bible. No Lodge should be opened or closed without prayer to Him who gave us the Bible as the revelation of His will. Brotherly love, truth and fortitude are Masonic virtues, and have all formed Masonic examples, while the Good Samaritan, the Saviour of mankind, is the personification of them all. Prudence, temperance and justice are common to the two brotherhoods.

If you know anything of the higher orders (so called) of Masonry, you find exposed to public gaze banners inscribed "In hoc signo vinces," "In this sign shalt thou conquer" surmounted by the emblem of Christianity, and others equally significant. But brethren of the mystic tie, whatever our religion, we have pledged ourselves most solemnly to fraternal duties. Let them not be a mockery.

Above all remember, Sirs, ye are brethren. Let brotherly love continue, and when we wend our steps homeward, as Joseph said to *his* brethren, "See that ye fall not out by the way." So that at last we shall all, I trust be assembled in the Great Lodge above, and dwell in social union beneath the sublime roof of Heaven. Brethren of all times, of all ages, ranks and nations, shall there meet in immortal harmony, and be knit to each other by fraternal ties through our great elder brother.

The largest hearts shall find brethren enough to fill them and to spare.

Every bright and beautiful affection that hath linked loving souls together here, shall have its excelling antitype there. All shall love, yea, and all be lovable ! The spots, the blemishes, the wrinkles, the flaws, which oft on earth hide the soul's beauty, and frighten away affection, shall there have melted away in the perfect light of God's immediate presence, and a celestial comeliness shall invest the spirits of the just made perfect. Jealousies and misunderstandings, antipathies and stiff reserve, shall vanish before the mighty attraction of love, and as heart beats responsive to heart throughout the immortal brotherhood redeemed, the all seeing eye of the G. A. O. T. U., shall look down with Divine joy on the sons who are gathered within the Great Lodge for ever.

After which the procession was reformed, and marched through Church, Queen, Elm, Prince and Revere Streets, returning to the Lodge Room, when Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TRURO, Wednesday, June 1st, 1887.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Grand Master, presiding.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported that all but three of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction had forwarded their Annual Returns to the Grand Secretary's office.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

ST. ANDREW'S.....	No. 1.....	E. T. Mahon, W. M. W. Crowe, S. W. T. Harley, J. W. J. Dempster, P. M. T. Trenaman, P. M. S. Porter, P. M.
ST. JOHN'S.....	" 2.....	J. W. Laurie, P. M., proxy for Lodge. A. E. Curren, P. M.
VIRGIN.....	" 3...	P. C. Hill, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W. B. Curren, P. M. C. E. Puttner, P. M. A. Stephen, P. M. W. Ross, P. M. C. J. Spike, P. M.
UNITY	" 4.....	W. L. Romkey, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
ALBION	" 5.....	A. McQueen, P. M., proxy for W. M. and S. W. J. W. Patterson, J. W. H. T. Sutherland, P. M.
ROYAL SUSSEX.....	" 6.....	J. H. Bentley, W. M. A. Mumford, S. W.
ST. ANDREW'S.....	" 7.....	C. A. Farquharson, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
ACACIA.....	" 8.....	N. Curry, P. M., proxy for Lodge. J. Medley Townshend, P. M.

BURNS.....	No. 10	J. A. Hancock, W. M., proxy for S. W. W. E. Taylor, J. W. W. Taylor, P. M.
NEW CALEDONIA.....	" 11	F. McKaracher, S.W., proxy for W.M. & J.W. C. E. Tanner, P. M. W. S. McDonald, P. M.
HIRAM.....	" 12	T. B. Crosby, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
ACADIA	" 14	Geo. Taylor, W. M. J. W. Ruhland, P. M., proxy for Wardens. G. Fraser, P. M. C. Creelman, P. M. J. J. McKeil, P. M.
ATHOLE.....	" 15	I. S. Sandford, W. M. J. McInnes, M. M., proxy for S. W. H. V. McKay, J. W. W. Williams, P. M. C. J. Macdonald, P. M.
KEITH.....	" 17	J. Farquhar, W. M.
UNION	" 18	T. G. McDonald, W. M., proxy for Wardens. T. G. D. Scotland, P. M.
ST. GEORGE'S.....	" 20	J. B. Davison, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
KEITH	" 23	J. Corbett, W. M., proxy for Wardens. L. Johnstone, P. M. D. C. Moore, P. M. J. Denoon, P. M. W. McKenzie, P. M.
WELSFORD....	" 26	L. K. Bennett, S.W., proxy for W.M. and J.W.
SCOTIA	" 28	A. B. Baxter, P. M., proxy for Lodge. D. M. Dickie, P. M.
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL ...	" 33	A. Harris, W. M.
QUEEN'S.....	" 34	J. D. McDonald, P. M., proxy for Lodge. A. McDonald, P. M.
LODGE OF ST. MARK.	" 38	T. A. Cossmann, P. M., proxy for Lodge. W. H. Gibson, P. M.
ROTHSAY.....	" 41	R. H. Chipman, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
TRURO	" 43	C. F. W. Bell, W. M. J. D. Gladwin, S. W. H. W. Yuill, J. W. H. T. Lawrence, P. M. L. B. Archibald, P. M. W. E. Logan, P. M. G. Hyde, P. M. A. C. McKenzie, P. M.

		C. M. Dawson, P. M.
		J. P. McDonald, P. M.
		W. B. Alley, P. M.
		S. J. Waddell, P. M.
WIDOW'S SON	No. 48.....	T. Higgs, W. M.
		H. Mooring, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
		R. L. Black, P. M.
WESTERN STAR.....	" 50.....	J. H. Reid, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
		C. L. Sutherland, P. M.
EASTERN STAR.....	" 51.....	W. H. Sterns, W. M.
		C. McNab, S. W.
HARMONY	" 52.....	J. Andrews, W. M.
		H. E. Jefferson, P. M.
		T. R. Harris, P. M.
		H. C. Jacques, P. M.
KING SOLOMON.....	" 54.....	J. Daley, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
KENTVILLE	" 58.....	R. S. Masters, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
		G. R. Sangster, P. M.
		C. F. Cochran, P. M.
TAYLOR.....	" 62.....	Rev. S. Gibbons, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
CORINTHIAN	" 63.....	J. L. Peppard, P. M., proxy for W. M.
		A. Fountain, M. M., proxy for S. W.
		F. Fulmore, M. M., proxy for J. W.
		Rev. T. B. Layton, P. M.
		D. F. Layton, P. M.
		S. Lindsay, P. M.
MINAS..	" 67.....	J. A. McDonald, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
CURREN.....	" 68.....	J. M. Dunbar, W. M.
		J. F. McDonald, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
CHARITY	" 69.....	S. Burgoyne, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
LAURIE	" 70.....	J. W. Cove, P. M., proxy for W. M.
		H. Sutherland, S. W.
		D. A. Dickson, J. W.
		R. H. Cooper, P. M.
IONIC	" 73.....	W. R. Mathews, M. M., proxy for Lodge.
NORTH STAR	" 74.....	G. W. Cox, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
		I. D. Cook, P. M.
WALLACE	" 76.....	A. M. Piers, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
HUDSON	" 77.....	H. A. McDonald, S. W., proxy for W. M.
		and J. W.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

M. W., R. W., V. W. AND W. BRETHREN,—

Allow me to extend to you a hearty fraternal greeting, and a cordial welcome to this 22nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, opened to-day in this thriving and beautiful rural centre, amid the picturesque scenery of one of the finest agricultural districts of which our Province can boast.

This deviation from our established routine, is in response to the courteous invitation of our Truro brethren, formally tendered by their Representatives at our last Annual Session, at which time, as you are aware, the Constitutional rule requiring such Annual Communication to be held in the city of Halifax, was suspended by unanimous resolve.

I need scarcely say that it gave me much pleasure, not only to sanction, but express as well my entire approval of the proposal submitted to me by the Committee charged with the duty of arranging for the reception and accommodation of Grand Lodge, that, preparatory to entering upon the business of the Session, we should proceed to St. John's Church and join in Divine Service ; and I would humbly suggest that such a procedure might with much propriety (circumstances being favorable) be adopted for future observance at each recurring Annual Communication.

Impressed, as we are individually at the threshold of our Masonic career, with the importance of seeking the Divine aid and blessing on all our undertakings, is it not equally as incumbent upon us at our Grand Assemblies (representing as we do, in our delegated and collective capacity, the craft throughout the jurisdiction), that we should at the outset of our deliberations, blend, with a tribute of praise and thanksgiving to the G. A. O. T. U., for His protecting care during the past, a fervent supplication for His continued guidance and blessing during the Masonic year upon which we are about to enter.

Such an open demonstration of our entire subservance to Divine Authority is in strict accord with our teachings and principles, and cannot fail (it seems to me) to have a salutary effect in educating the public mind as to the character of the aims and aspirations of our Masonic Institution, and tend in some measure to thwart the designs of that powerful hierarchy, whose hostile edicts have been fulminated against us, who (to borrow a recent coinage) boycott us as a fraternity, ignore us as a benevolent institution, and would blight us with the outpouring of the phials of their scorn and contempt.

Very unexpectedly to myself, at the last Annual Communication, you did me the honor of placing me in the high position of trust and authority which I at present occupy. Let me thank you, brethren, for the honor conferred and for the confidence you then reposed in me, a confidence I sincerely hope you may find has not been entirely misplaced, but that has, on the contrary, proved a spur and incentive to the fulfilment of the obligations I assumed in accepting the office of Grand Master, to discharge the duties devolving upon me during the official term for which I was elected, conscientiously, and to the best of my judgment and ability.

The matters that have required my attention—my official visitations, decisions, and official acts, I have now the honor to report, and if in any of these I may in your judgment have erred, let me ask from you as lenient a criticism as may be honestly consistent with the duty you owe to Grand Lodge and the Craft you represent, and whose interests you are here to advance and subserve.

JUBILEE.

The month of June, which ushers in the 22nd year of our existence as an Independent Grand Lodge, marks also the terminal portion of the Jubilee year of our beloved Queen.

Among the many thousands who, in every quarter of the globe, acknowledge and enjoy the constitutional freedom, secured to them under the benignant sway of British Monarchical rule, I think I may fairly assume that the Masonic Fraternity, with whom the Royal Family are so closely identified, will yield to none in deep and loyal devotion to the illustrious woman, who, for the last half century, has wielded her Imperial and Queenly sceptre over her vast dominions.

Every civilized nation has, at various times during these long years, borne willing and ample testimony to the fact, that in the Queen of England and Empress of India, every attribute of pure and noble womanhood, has in all relations of life, been fully exemplified.

Many and various have been the proposals and devices, whereby some lasting commemoration of this jubilee year may be transmitted to posterity.

Whatever character these may assume, whether they be tablets of brass or structures of granite, none probably will be more enduring than the memorial of the faithful historian, who will portray in truthful language, not only the advance of civilization, and the triumphs that have been achieved in every department of science and literature during this illustrious reign, but as well the sterling attributes of head and heart, the virtues that have signalized the private and public life of the maiden Princess, the faithful and devoted wife, the loving mother, the philanthropic friend, the constitutional Sovereign, who for fifty years, has reigned enthroned in the hearts of the millions who owe allegiance to the British Crown, and who express their loyal devotion in the National aspiration "God save the Queen."

After some consideration, it did not appear to me necessary or advisable to anticipate by a special, the regular Annual Session of Grand Lodge, to discuss the way in which we as a craft should celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, or tender our congratulations to Her Majesty on her attainment of this auspicious epoch.

In this Province the chief interest will centre upon the celebration by the city of Halifax. Action has been taken and a sum of money voted by the civic government; a committee also has been formed, charged with the duty of elaborating and perfecting the ceremonial arrangements.

To this committee I have appointed as delegates from this Grand body, R. W. Bros. W. Ross and B. Curren, who will no doubt report as to the nature of the civic programme, and their opinions and suggestions, as to how far (if at all) we should concur, or make common cause with other organizations.

That we should take a prominent position, either in the general programme, or as a separate body make some special demonstration, I think every craftsman will admit.

I trust, brethren, you will give this matter due consideration; and I have no doubt that your deliberations will result in such action as will be worthy of the occasion and of the loyal Masonic fraternity of this Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges, so far as I am aware, have not, during the past year, been marred by any untoward event.

As a partial indication of the kindliness of feeling subsisting between our brethren across the border and ourselves, I may mention that I have had the pleasure of receiving from the R. W. Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania a cordial and fraternal invitation to be present at and join in the ceremonies for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the independence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on Sept. 24 and 25, A. L. 5886; also, an invitation from the R. W. Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, to be present at the centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge of that State, held at Trenton, Jan. 25, A. L. 5887. The R. W. Grand Master of Maryland has in like manner honored me with a request that I should participate in their rejoicing, in accordance with an elaborate programme for May 10th, 11th and 12th, A. L. 5887, at Baltimore, in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. I had also the pleasure of receiving an invitation from the Worshipful Master of Montgomery Lodge No. 19, of Pennsylvania, to take part in the ceremonies commemorative of the granting of their present Warrant, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Jan. 5th, 1887.

To each of these, Rt. Worshipful and Worshipful brethren, I wrote to express my great regret that I was obliged to decline their kind and cordial invitations to be present on the several occasions named, and to assure them of my grateful

appreciation of the compliment paid to this Grand Lodge through me, their Grand Master. I took occasion, at the same time, to express my earnest hope that their brightest anticipations of a happy and successful celebration of the several interesting epochs in the history of their respective Jurisdictions might be amply realized.

OBITUARY LIST.

The obituary list of the Grand Lodge for the past year, includes, I regret to say, two brethren who at one time were among its prominent officials.

Bro. Nathan Tupper, a past Junior Grand Warden, and a past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 8, died at Amherst, in the month of September, 1886, after a severe and protracted illness. His death is deeply felt by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and in his native town his memory will be treasured as a genial friend, an upright Mason, and a worthy citizen in all his business and social relations. I very much regretted that being absent from the Province, I was unable to attend his funeral, to which as Grand Master I was invited by the W. Master of Acacia Lodge.

Since our last Session Bro. H. C. D. Twining passed away, full of years, honored and respected, a severance of another link connecting this Grand Lodge with the past history of Masonry in this Province. For many years the name of H. C. D. Twining was as a household word among Masons, as the Rt. W. Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia under English jurisdiction, which position he retained in the consolidated Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, until his successor, the present incumbent, was elected in his stead. Universally known as an upright man and Mason he is as universally regretted.

I trust that memorial pages in the Annual Proceedings, will be allotted to each of these brethren.

RESPECTING VISITATIONS.

Last year I had mapped out a course of visitations during the Autumnal months, to include the Lodges in the central and western districts of the Province; the extreme east having during the previous year enjoyed the great advantage of a systematic and thorough tour of inspection by the then R. W. acting Grand Master.

A fortnight's unexpected absence from my professional duties, accompanying an invalid relative on a trip in search of health, to the Upper Provinces and the United States, absorbed what time I could spare, and this arrangement I had to abandon with much reluctance, more especially as that portion of the Masonic Vineyard situate west of Halifax, Colchester and Cumberland, was as yet to me a terra incognita.

M. W. Bro. P. G. Master Maj.-Genl. Laurie, intending to make a somewhat protracted stay in Shelburne, during his electoral campaign, very kindly tendered his services to visit the Lodges in that county, and I gladly issued my authority to him for that purpose.

In notifying R. W. D. D. G. M. Crosby of the General's intended visit, it was gratifying to me to learn in reply that this would relieve him of a long drive in March, when the roads are usually bad, his official duties at home preventing his Masonic visitations before that month.

Since his return, my distinguished brother has forwarded to me a full and able report of the manner in which he accomplished the work he so kindly undertook, from which I gather that matters Masonic in Shelburne are not in so healthy and thriving a condition as he would like to have found them.

This interesting report and the suggestions offered, especially with regard to Albert Lodge, struggling to emancipate itself from the difficulties in which it is involved, will, without doubt, receive every consideration from the members of Grand Lodge.

I take this opportunity of thanking my Most Worshipful Brother for his devotion to the interests of the craft in Shelburne, especially at a time when it may reasonably be assumed that subjects of engrossing interest of a public character must have been daily requiring his closest attention.

In connection with Shelburne I may state that I issued (as will appear in the record of my official acts) my authority to Past Master G. H. Brunt to summon the members of Harmony Lodge (who had not met for the space of more than 12 months) to assume the chair, and proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. It happened, rather singularly, as a coincidence, that, while acting Grand Master in 1887, I issued a like authority to W. Bro. Swain, of the same Lodge, to summon the members who then had not met for more than twelve months, to assume the chair and elect officers.

This intermittent action will, it is to be hoped, now yield to a healthier state of things; and I sincerely trust that the combined efforts of the few zealous Past Masters and other brethren who seem anxious to revive the Lodge, will be crowned with success in restoring Harmony from its state of suspended animation to a condition of more vigorous vitality for the future.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.

Towards the close of last year I requested the R. W. Grand Secretary to notify the following Lodges in Halifax, of my intention to visit them at their Regular Communication, in Jany., viz.,—St. John's, No. 2; St. Andrew's, No. 1; and Burns, No. 10, selecting these with a view of economizing time, as they met on consecutive evenings. Accordingly accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge officers resident in Halifax, I carried out such intention at the time and in the order named.

I fully expected and was not disappointed at receiving on each of those occasions a most courteous and fraternal welcome. I was much pleased also, to find a full attendance of the brethren, among whom, conspicuous by their uniform, I noticed a large contingent from Royal Standard Lodge.

Having no intention of superseding, in the discharge of his duty, the R. W. D. D. G. M. for No. 1, I made but a hasty examination of the books and records, quite enough, however, to satisfy me that the Secretaries of these Lodges were efficient officers, and their books models of neatness both in point of diction and mechanical execution.

It was quite evident from the spirit shown in the speeches with which we were favored, as well as from the known ability of the official staff of St. John's, that this ancient Lodge will soon be rescued from the decline, which I understood, seemed at one time impending, and restored again to the proud position it formerly occupied.

With a very commendable pride in the antiquity of their Lodge the members of St. Andrew's seem determined that no effort shall be wanting on their part to maintain the prestige of their ancient lineage, and to aim at being, not only No. 1 on the register, but the first as well in all the essential characteristics of a Masonic Lodge.

At the Burns communication I had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree creditably conferred on a candidate for initiation. I had also the great gratification of noting at his post of duty a venerable brother who, I was informed, had grown old in harness, having served as Treasurer each successive year since its chartering, with great advantage to the Lodge, with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Such a consistent, upright and steady example as Bro. Fortune has for so many years presented in the faithful discharge of the responsible duties of the office entrusted to him, cannot, I think, fail to have a most salutary effect on the members of this Lodge, inciting to punctuality of attendance and to a steady devotion to its interests.

January 17th, 1887. I visited officially Curren Lodge No. 68, at Hopewell, accompanied by D. D. G. M. Tanner. The W. Master for the past year, Bro. J. F. McDonald evidently had his Lodge well in hand, and although the average attendance was small, constitutional requirements were well observed.

It was gratifying to mark the presence of members who had driven distances of ten miles and under to attend the visitation.

In contrast to this I learned with regret that some influential residents of Hopewell, formerly members, had been suspended for non-payment of dues. I strongly advised that conciliatory measures should be adopted in a fraternal spirit to endeavor to recover these delinquent brethren who had strayed from the fold.

I again proceeded to Hopewell on 4th April, 1887, and visited this Lodge, attended by R. W. the Sen. G. Warden and a number of members of Keith and Albion Lodges, installing, with the assistance of the R. W. Sen. G. Warden, the officers for the ensuing year.

January 19th. I went to Vale Colliery and visited Hudson Lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. D. D. G. M. Tanner, R. W. Senior G. Warden, the W. Master, and a number of brethren of Albion, Keith and Western Star Lodges. A strict investigation was made as to the past proceedings of the Lodge as shown by the records. This Lodge though small in numbers, seems imbued with such a genuine Mas^onic spirit and to be animated by so much zeal and ardor of purpose, as foreshadows for it a prosperous and successful future. The proceedings over, the visiting brethren were entertained by the W. M. and members of the Lodge.

February 3rd. I proceeded to Amherst, and in accordance with previous notice made an official inspection of Acacia Lodge, No. 8. I also on invitation of the W. M. and with the assistance of W. Bros. Townsend and Curry, installed the officers for the current year. A large number of brethren, many of whom came from a distance, were present. All matters connected with the Lodge were to me proofs abundant of the zeal and efficiency of the retiring Master, W. Bro. Curry, and his staff of officers, and judging from the very creditable work of the late Secretary, Bro. Lay, now the W. Master, I have no doubt that under his supervision, this vigorously progressive Lodge will continue to maintain the character for Masonic excellence and thoroughness of working that has marked its past history. A sumptuous banquet at Lamy's hotel, to which I was invited by my hospitable brethren of Acacia, terminated the interesting proceedings of the evening, of which I shall always preserve a most pleasant reminiscence.

March 15th. On this evening I met the members of Keith Lodge, No. 23, and installed the officers. I granted a dispensation on this occasion to raise six fellow craftsmen to the sublime degree of Master Mason, a work most ably performed by the retiring Master W. Bro. Gray. A large number of visiting brethren were present. Instrumental music by Bro. Rice, of New Glasgow, lent much interest to both ceremonials. Exceptionally good officers I think deserve notice,—I therefore cannot commend too highly the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. J. Fraser, a most painstaking official, thoroughly up to his work, which for style and neatness cannot be surpassed. It is creditable to Keith that over \$100 were disbursed during the year for charitable purposes. Refreshments were provided for the numerous visiting brethren before separating.

April 5th. The R. W. D. D. G. M. for No. 7 joined me by appointment in my visitation to Albion Lodge No. 5, New Glasgow, and with R. W. Past D. Grand Master D. C. Fraser, assisted me in the ceremony of installation. Albion leads in this jurisdiction in point of membership, with a roll of 119 members. A fair proportion of these, with the addition of brethren from New

Caledonia, Western Star, Keith and Hudson Lodges, made an imposing array of craftsmen. In conjunction with the District Deputy I examined the books, which are creditably kept by the re-elected Secy., Bro. Grant. This Lodge, suffering, as do many others, from the incubus of non-paying members, had determined that a number of these apparently incorrigible delinquents should be suspended, and accordingly, on motion, several were so dealt with. On inquiry, however, I found that the notice sent to each of these defaulting brethren was insufficient. I decided that the suspensions were irregular, and must not take effect, inasmuch as Sect. 23, Chap. 14, had not been complied with, requiring that the brother to be suspended must not only be notified of the charge against him, but of the time appointed for its consideration, &c.

This Lodge is now on a sound financial basis, the admirably conducted picnic held by them last summer affording to all classes of the community a pleasant day's enjoyment, having been in every way a great success, the net proceeds amounting to about \$1000.00. The usual hospitality of Albion to its visitors was dispensed with a liberal hand by the stewards, after the close of the Lodge, in the lower hall of the building owned by them.

Western Star No. 50, the rival in membership of Albion and New Caledonia, was visited officially by me 12th April, 1887, R. W. Past D. G. Master Moore and R. W. D. D. G. M. Tanner giving me their able assistance to install into their respective chairs the officers elected for the year. This Lodge has made rapid strides and is doing good work. During the past year the members have erected a handsome and commodious building, containing, in addition to a Masonic Hall of fine proportions, a spacious hall below for public purposes.

The members of Western Star are noted for their abounding hospitality to those who visit them, and on this, as on many other occasions, I was glad to express my grateful acknowledgements for the kindness of their reception.

This resumé of my visitations to the Lodges in the County of Pictou (registering on their rolls of membership more than one-seventh of the entire craft in the jurisdiction) would be incomplete should I omit mention of the hospitable reception given by the W. Master and brethren of New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, to the members of Grand Lodge on the occasion of the dedication of their new Hall, on 2nd December, 1887. This building, erected on the site of the one destroyed a few years since by fire, will, I hope stand for many years, a handsome memorial of the recuperative energies of the brethren of this fine Lodge, having among its members some of the most influential and talented citizens of the town of Pictou.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

On application from Albion Lodge, No. 5, I gave permission to walk in procession 1st July, 1886.

August 21st. On application from New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, requesting me to lay the corner stone of a new hall in the town of Pictou, I declined,—replying, that it was not usual, or in my opinion in accordance with Masonic usage, to lay the corner stone of a building after the superstructure has been completed.

August 24. I summoned an emergent meeting of Grand Lodge at Westville, at which time, in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren, I dedicated to Masonry, virtue, and universal benevolence, the new hall erected by the members of Western Star Lodge.

I also granted permission to Western Star and Keith Lodges to walk in procession as Lodges in connection with the dedication.

November 26th. I sanctioned an amendment to the By-laws of Western Star Lodge with reference to the salary of their Secretary.

November 27th. I sanctioned an amendment to the By-laws of Keith Lodge, No. 23, permitting the Lodge to hold its stated meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

December 2nd. At a special meeting of Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose, at Pictou, I dedicated the new Masonic Hall in that town to Masonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence.

December 4th. I sanctioned alterations in the By-laws of Truro Lodge.

December 20th. I granted permission to Acacia Lodge No. 8 and Minas No. 67 to appear in procession and wear regalia at a banquet on St. John's Day.

I issued my dispensation to King Solomon Lodge No. 54, to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. Captain Vroom; to Scotia 31, to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. W. H. Leonard; to Tyrian Youth Lodge No. 45, to confer the 3rd degree on Bro. Walter Routledge; and to Rothsay 41, to confer the 3rd degree, short of the usual period of one month from the 2nd, as, in my opinion, the pressing nature of these applications warranted this exercise of my prerogative as Grand Master.

February, 1887. I gave authority to M. W. Bro. Major-General Laurie, D. C. L., to visit officially the Masonic Lodges in Shelburne County.

February 5th. I sanctioned an amendment to the By-laws of Curren Lodge, enabling the brethren to hold monthly stated meetings instead of bimonthly, as heretofore.

I sanctioned an amendment to the By-laws of Laurie Lodge 70, to enable the brethren to hold their stated meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

February. I issued my authority to P. M. Geo. H. Brunt, to summon a meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 56, N. E. Harbor, Shelburne Co., for the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year, in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 29, Chap. 14, of the Constitution, the Lodge not having met for more than 12 months.

February 28th. Annapolis Royal No. 33 and Granville Lodge 71 having agreed to consolidate into one, under the name of Annapolis Royal No. 33, and to retain the charter and seal of Annapolis Royal, I gave my approval of such consolidation, the proceedings taken by these Lodges, in connection with the consolidation having been first submitted to me, and proved to be quite satisfactory and in accordance with the terms of Sect. 48, Chap. 14, of the Constitution.

King Solomon, Wallace, Lodge of St. Mark, Union, Scotia 22, Temple and Albion Lodges, having failed from unavoidable circumstances to elect certain of their officers in March, I granted permission to fill the vacancies in April.

I sanctioned an amendment to the By-laws of Welsford Lodge, Windsor, by which the stated meetings in future will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. I have sanctioned also an amendment to the By-laws, No. 5, of Acadia Lodge, No. 14, by substituting the word twenty for fifteen.

March. I appointed R. W. Bros. Ross and Curren, to represent the Grand Lodge, on the general committee appointed with reference to the celebration of the jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, to be held in Halifax, on the 21st June.

I issued my dispensation to New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, to confer the 3rd degree, short of the usual period, on Bro. John Philip Dumaresque, an officer of a steamship, for valid reasons urged on his behalf by R. W. D. D. G. M. Tanner.

In September last the R. W. G. Secretary forwarded to me a communication signed by R. B. Wilch, Secretary to a committee "representing the Lodges in Dartmouth and Halifax," requesting that an excursion to Truro might be advertised under the auspices of Grand Lodge. To this communication an immediate answer by telegraph was requested. I promptly replied, declining permission, having no data or information sufficient to warrant such an exercise of my authority as Grand Master.

I have since been informed that of several hundred persons who made up the excursion, but a very limited number were Freemasons, so limited that on this ground alone (in the estimation of brethren well able to form an opinion) the term Masonic, as sought to be applied to such an assembly, would evidently have been a misnomer. I will not allude to the many flying rumors at the time, of the discreditable character of certain of the proceedings of the day, any further than

to express my earnest hope that such reports were entirely unfounded in fact, and my belief that no Mason worthy of the name, would lend himself to any proceedings calculated to tarnish the reputation of the honorable fraternity of which he is a member.

In my opinion, the use of Masonic emblems, or of the word "Masonic," or of the expression "under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge," in connection with any advertisement of a celebration, banquet, excursion, or any demonstration that is not essentially Masonic in character, or authorized by the Grand Master or his representatives, is improper, and should not be permitted.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Missouri. On the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I have commissioned R. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. R. Hunt, of Warrensburg, to represent the G. Lodge of Nova Scotia near that G. Lodge.

Quebec. At the request of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have appointed W. Bro. Edward Lusher Foster, of Montreal, to represent this G. Lodge near that of Quebec.

New Jersey. By request also of the M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, I have commissioned M. W. Bro. the Revd. Henry Vehslage to represent the G. Lodge of Nova Scotia near that G. Lodge.

Arkansas. Intelligence having been received of the death of R. W. Bro. Robert E. Sale, our representative near the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas, I have appointed Bro. W. K. Ramsey, of Camden, to fill the vacancy thus created.

Maryland. Having received information from the R. W. Grand Secy. of the G. Lodge of Maryland that W. Bro. John A. Robb, our representative near that Grand Lodge, had withdrawn from the Order, at the request of M. W. Bro. Shrycock, G. M. of that Jurisdiction, I have commissioned Bro. William A. Fisher to represent this G. Lodge near that of Maryland.

Georgia. On the recommendation of the M. W. G. Master of the G. Lodge of Georgia, I have appointed Bro. A. J. Hamilton, of Montezuma, Macon Co., to be our representative near that G. Lodge.

NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE.

Iowa. The Grand Lodge of Iowa having adopted the three years term, as the tenure of office of its representatives near other Grand Lodges, has declared the office of Gr. Representative of Iowa, near Nova Scotia, vacant.

At the request of the M. W. Grand Master of that State to name a suitable brother to fill the office, and feeling that if these positions mean anything, they should be filled by brethren who manifest some regard for the position, by

representing their several G. Lodges at our annual meeting as frequently as possible, I have recommended R. W. Bro. Dr. A. D. McGillvary, of Sydney, Cape Breton, to fill the position of Rep. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, near this Grand Lodge.

I have recommended the following brethren to represent the Grand Lodges hereafter named, near Nova Scotia :—

Vermont. R. W. Bro. Luther B. Archibald, of Truro.

Louisiana. R. W. Bro. Hector Sutherland, of New Glasgow.

Colorado. R. W. Bro. J. Medley Townshend, of Amherst.

Washington Ter. W. Bro. H. T. Jacques, of Aylesford.

Oregon. W. Bro. A. Waddell, of Halifax.

Maine. R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, of Halifax.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAST RANK.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11, Chap. IV., of the Constitution, I recommend that the rank of Past Dist. Dep. G. Master, be conferred upon the following brethren, each having faithfully discharged the duties of the office for two years or more, and that they stand in the following order of seniority :—

R. W.	Augustus Robinson.....	of Annapolis.....	1880
"	T. B. Flint.....	of Yarmouth.....	1881
"	C. J. Townshend.....	of Amherst.....	1882
"	J. R. Wyman.....	of Yarmouth.....	1883
"	J. B. Black.....	of Windsor.....	1884
"	J. W. Ruhland.....	of Halifax.....	1885
"	T. B. Crosby.....	of Yarmouth.....	1885
"	L. B. Archibald.....	of Truro.....	1886
"	H. S. Jost.....	of Lunenburg.....	1886
"	W. R. Cutler.....	of Arichat.....	1887
"	T. Tanner.....	of Pictou.....	1887
"	H. E. Jefferson.....	of Berwick.....	1887

DECISIONS.

To an enquiry from New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11, "whether a candidate elected in the year 1880, but not initiated, could, on re-application in 1887, be balloted for, and if elected, initiated the same evening, the By-law of the Lodge requiring that a candidate should be again proposed and balloted for, if more than 12 months had elapsed since his election?"

I decided that the proceedings must be *de novo*—the proposition referred again to a committee and reported on after the lapse of a month, in accordance with Chap. 14, Sec. 44.

On the restoration of a suspended member, by the payment in full of all arrearages due his Lodge, I decided that the *per capita* tax, accruing during the interval of suspension, became justly due and should be included in the regular returns to Grand Lodge.

Question.—"Can a brother suspended for non-payment of dues, be excused by his Lodge from paying arrearages, and thus be restored?"

Answer.—No, Section 24, Chap. 14, requires payment at least up to time of suspension.

Question.—Three candidates A, B, and C, are running an election for office. A has a majority over B and C, but not sufficient to elect him. B and C are ties. Can the W. Master cast two ballots to relieve the tie?

Answer.—No, B and C must submit to another ballot in order that whichever of the two has the majority, shall finally contest with A.

To an inquiry under seal of Queen's Lodge, No. 34, whether one of the Past Masters of that Lodge could represent El Dorado, No. 32, at Grand Lodge, I replied in the negative, referring to Sect. 5, Chap. 1, of the Constitution.

SUSPENSIONS FOR ARREARAGES.

While it is gratifying to note that in the last Annual of Proceedings, no suspensions for "unmasonic conduct" are recorded, it is yet a matter for regret that in a parallel and contiguous column, no less than 87 suspensions for non-payment of dues appear.

Although personally opposed to a penalty of such a degrading character, as a published decree of suspension from Masonic privileges for such an offence, I cannot resist the conclusion, that when a brother of sound financial ability, fails to acquit himself of his just indebtedness to his Lodge, such a refusal under the obligations he has assumed, cannot be viewed in any other light than that of "unmasonic conduct," requiring Masonic discipline and censure.

CONSOLIDATION OF CONSTITUTION, &C.

I ask the indulgence of Grand Lodge in directing their attention to the anomalous character of the addenda, published yearly in the Proceedings, under the head of "Standing Regulations" for the guidance of the Craft, and it is to be assumed to be strictly observed and to be binding upon them.

Admitting this, it appears to me reasonable to require that these rules should harmonize with existing constitutional enactments.

Sect. 12, Chap 2, declares "That no motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules, or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule, or regulation thereto, without notice in writing stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Sec'y at least three months previous to the communication at which it is to be brought

before the Grand Lodge. And no alteration or addition to the constitution shall be binding unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present."

I have been unable to discover that any of the resolutions alluded to are consistent with the section I have just cited, *i. e.* as to the previous three months' notice—a precaution evidently intended to prevent any alteration or innovation being carried into effect without due time for their consideration being allowed the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction, and an opportunity afforded to instruct their Representatives to G. Lodge as to the action they desire them to take.

Some years since, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when I had the honor to preside, I briefly referred in my address to the desirability of consolidating as far as possible the standing regulations with the constitution, the matter having been previously referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, by whom however no report has ever been made.

As these regulations, obviously invalid, are yearly increasing, I would venture to suggest that some action be taken during this session, either by referring the subject to a committee or by devising some means of reconciling their inconsistency with our established constitutional law, which we are bound under obligation to respect and observe.

I cannot conclude this report of my stewardship during the past year, without an expression of my grateful acknowledgement of the fraternal kindness and courtesy extended to me by the brethren of the Craft with whom I have had any official intercourse, and I gladly avail myself of this opportunity, to make allusion specially to my R. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, to whom I am under many obligations for the valuable aid he has on various occasions afforded me during my tenure of office.

But few, I suspect, of the brethren, have any clear conception, of the arduous character of the duties performed by our Worthy Grand Secretary. The voluminous correspondence—the compilation of the proceedings—the financial returns—in fact the care and oversight of nearly 70 Lodges, make up a total of drudgery, mental and physical, for which the mere pecuniary compensation he receives is, in my opinion, very inadequate.

Entertaining this conviction, will you permit me to offer the suggestion that, as a slight recognition of the invaluable services of R. W. Bro. Curren, and especially in the capacity of G. Secretary, for the past 18 years, this Grand Lodge do confer on him the honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master. And now brethren, with the sincere hope that you may be guided to right conclusions in all your deliberations, and that our proceedings at this communication may be conducted in a spirit of kindness and brotherly love,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS JOHNSTONE,

Grand Master.

On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special Committee, consisting of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, R. W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann and R. W. Bro. L. B. Archibald.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and audit.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia :

I have the honor to submit for the information of Grand Lodge the following report for the year ending May 20, 1887, in addition to the usual routine work of the office which may not be mentioned here, as it would be but a repetition of much referred to in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and in addition to much correspondence with Lodges at home and with Foreign Bodies.

An examination of the returns so far received, shows that our strength in numbers remains about the same as that of last year—the difference between gain and loss being too small to effect any material change in our position.

Albion Lodge No. 5, New Glasgow, still keeps the lead, while New Caledonia and Western Star have changed places, Western Star stepping in front of her sister, of Pictou.

The County of Pictou, reported by me last year as having the largest Lodges, with a membership at that time of 437, has increased that number by returning this year and paying for 446 contributing members. Halifax County returns this year 654 members against 700 returned last year, a trifling loss of 46, distributed amongst 12 Lodges. Halifax and Pictou Counties together return this year eleven hundred contributing members, more than one-third of the whole jurisdiction of sixty-six Lodges.

Our strength in the other sixteen counties of the Province is about that of last year.

Grand Lodge then may be fairly congratulated upon the fact that, in spite of a general financial depression and in spite of a very stupid and determined hostility to the Craft in certain quarters, we are able to hold our own, looking forward to the "good time coming" when we shall be again in a position to step off with accelerated pace.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.

In accordance with instructions given at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I have prepared and issued a continuance of Charter to Annapolis

Royal Lodge, similar in wording to that issued to new Caledonia. The issuing of this continuance of Charter was somewhat delayed, as I was unable to ascertain the names of the brethren to whom the English Charter of 1863 was granted ; in the meantime, however, no inconvenience has been experienced by the Lodge in the way of meeting, as authority to continue its labors was issued immediately after the destruction of the warrant by the fire of last year.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

In December last the Committee on Benevolence met to consider a petition for relief from W. Bro. John Power, of Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48.

There were present the Grand Master, the Sen. G. Warden, and the Grand Secretary.

The requirements of Chapter 18 of the Constitution having been complied with, and the recommendation of Widow's Son Lodge having been duly signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary, under seal, the sum of \$20.00 was voted for the relief of the petitioner.

DELINQUENT LODGES.

On referring to the printed Proceedings of last year it will be seen that, by resolution of Grand Lodge following the report of a Committee appointed to consider and report upon certain petitions for relief from dues and rents, Albert and Zetland, Royal Sussex and Union were relieved of half their then indebtedness to Grand Lodge, provided the remaining half be paid before the end of the year.

The two Lodges in Halifax, laboring under heavy arrears for rent, gladly accepted the offer so generously extended to them, and have complied with the terms of the resolution by paying up.

Zetland and Albert have not accepted the proposition made by Grand Lodge.

ALBERT PETITIONS A THIRD TIME.

Since issuing the agenda paper for the present Communication, I have received another petition from Albert, No. 30, presenting another request for relief from former indebtedness.

Referring to the petitions of last year and 1885, it will be noticed that the Lodge promises if relieved, to meet their liabilities in the future ; these promises they show an intention to keep, for their dues to Grand Lodge for 1886 and 1887 are paid, leaving the six preceding years, amounting to \$207.50 unpaid ; Albert asks to be relieved from this debt.

NO RETURNS.

Three Lodges have failed to make returns ; these are :

Solomon..	No. 46.....	Port Hawkesbury.
Hiram	..No. 53.....	Goldenville.
Harmony	No. 56.....	North East Harbor.

Hiram (53) has not been heard from for two years : it returned in 1885 eleven members.

Harmony (56) has not been heard from for two years : in 1885 it returned 15 members.

Wimburn, No. 75, Oxford, has forwarded its returns (and payment) for the present year, but failed to make a return last year (1886).

Sections 26, 28 and 29 of Chapter 14 of the Constitution are quite decided in their meaning and intent in these cases.

From information obtained unofficially, I am of opinion that one or two of these Lodges have failed to meet for twelve months or more, and as no official communication whatever has been received from them, their case becomes a subject of special investigation.

The Constitution says :

"If a Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it *shall* be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited."

FREEMASONS' HALL.

In compliance with the terms of section 26, chapter 1, of the Constitution, a meeting of the Trustees elected at the last Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, June 10th, 1886.

PRESENT :

BRO. JAMES DEMPSTER, Grand Treasurer.

" BENJ. CURREN, Grand Secretary.

" ARTHUR E. CURREN,

" W. A. HESSON,

" WM. TAYLOR,

" J. W. RUHLAND,

" J. W. HECKMAN,

" P. E. MCKERROW,

" T. A. COSSMANN.

This being the first meeting of the Board for the year, the following letter, under seal from the Grand Secretary, to the Grand Master was read :

LEWIS JOHNSTONE, ESQ., GRAND MASTER MASON OF NOVA SCOTIA :

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,—

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of section 26, chapter 1, of the Constitution, the following brethren are the *ex officio* and elected members of the Board of Trustees of Freemasons' Hall for the current Masonic year :

(Here follow the names.)

The following letter from the Grand Master to the Grand Secretary was then read :

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—

As Grand Master and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I authorize you to summon meetings of the Board whenever in your opinion it is necessary to do so

At such meetings the Trustees present are hereby authorized by me to elect their chairman and proceed to such business as may legitimately come before them, such chairman to act only for the meeting at which he may be elected.

On motion, R. W. Bro. James Dempster was chosen Chairman. The Grand Secretary informed the trustees that Grand Lodge, at the last Annual Communication, had fixed the rent of Lodges and Chapters at one hundred dollars for the current Masonic year, and that no charge is to be made during that time for Emergent meetings.

Also that the Trustees were now authorized to expend the sum of \$225.00 of Grand Lodge funds in repairing the roof of this building.

On motion, Bros. Dempster, Ruhland and Williams were requested to attend to the repairs on the roof, and also to have the halls and the carpet of the blue Lodge Room cleaned.

At a meeting of Trustees, held on Tuesday, July 13, 1886, the following bills for work done were passed and ordered to be paid :

From J. W. Ruhland for repairing roof.. .. .	\$ 74 25
“ John E. M. Taylor, for whitewashing ceilings, coloring walls, painting woodwork	80 00
“ J. J. McKeil, for cleaning carpets, scrubbing paint, and putting down carpets	25 00
	\$179 25

RETURNS.

The returns received for the year ended May 20th, give the following results :

Number initiated.....	173
“ passed	149
“ raised.....	160
“ affiliated	45
“ reinstated	32
“ dimitted	116
“ died	37
“ missing	60
“ suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	0
“ suspended for non-payment of dues.....	60
“ rejected... ..	25
“ of subscribing members, including Lodges not heard from, about	2940

I have received during the year, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer the following sums :—

For dues, fees, diplomas ..	..	..	..	\$ 2615 00
“ rent from Freemasons’ Hall ..	..	..	..	<u>1487 00</u>
In all ..	..	..	..	\$ 4102 00

As will appear from his receipts.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with THE GRAND LODGE OF*
NOVA SCOTIA, for the year ended May 20, 1887.

No	RECEIVED FROM	Dues	Diplomas.	Pro- ceedings,
1	St. Andrew's.....to May 20, 1887.....	\$ 41 25	\$ 8 00	\$ 1 50
2	St. John's.....to May 20, 1886.....	44 25	16 00	1 50
4	Unity.....to May 20, 1887.....	39 00	20 00	1 50
5	Albion....." 1887.....	89 25	8 00	1 50
6	Royal Sussex....." 1887.....	31 50	10 00	1 50
7	St. Andrew's, paid last year but omitted in acct., 1886	.....	2 00	00
7	St. Andrew's,....." 1887.....	53 25	16 00	1 50
9	Zetland, on account, i. e., dues for.....1884.....	39 00	.....	.....
10	Burns.....to May, 1887.....	61 50	4 00	1 50
11	New Caledonia....." 1886.....	81 00	6 00	1 50
11	New Caledonia....." 1887.....	76 50	2 00	1 50
13	Acadia....." 1887.....	21 75	.....	1 50
15	Athole....." 1886.....	43 50	10 00	1 50
16	Keith....." 1887.....	23 25	.....	1 50
17	Keith....." 1886.....	45 75	14 00	1 50
18	Union....." 1887.....	31 50	6 00	1 50
20	St. George's....." 1887.....	18 75	2 00	1 50
23	Keith....." 1887.....	43 50	14 00	1 50
24	Concord....." 1886.....	22 50	4 00	.....
26	Welsford....." 1886.....	54 00	11 00	1 50
26	Welsford....." 1887.....	51 75	7 00	1 50
28	Scotia....." 1886.....	22 50	2 00	1 50
29	Pr. of Wales....." 1887.....	41 25	6 00	1 50
30	Albert, on acct. paid June, 1886.....	24 25	7 00	.....
30	Albert, diplomas for Marshall and McAlpine not included in returns.....	.....	4 00	.....
30	Albert, on acct. paid May, 1887.....	31 50	4 00	1 50
31	Scotia.....to May, 1886.....	30 00	2 00	1 50
31	Scotia....." 1887.....	35 25	12 00	1 50
33	Annapolis Royal....." 1887.....	45 00	8 00	1 50
34	Queen's....." 1887.....	53 25	8 00	1 50
35	St. Mark's....." 1887.....	30 00	6 00	1 50
36	Thistle....." 1887.....	32 25	4 00	1 50
38	Lodge of St. Mark....." 1886.....	43 50	4 00	1 50
39	Acacia.....to May, 1887.....	29 25	6 00	1 50
39	Acacia, back dues for members reinstated.....	5 25	.....	.....
41	Rothsay, back dues for members returned.....	3 00	.....	.....
41	Rothsay.....1887.....	25 50	4 00	1 50
42	Eureka.....to May, 1886.....	42 75	2 00	1 50
42	Eureka...1887, less \$3.00 overpaid dues for 4 years.	38 25	2 00	1 50
43	Truro.....to May, 1887.....	46 50	8 00	1 50
44	Poyntz....." 1887.....	27 75	2 00	1 50
45	Tyrian Youth, dip. for W. Routledge.....	.....	2 00	.....
47	Philadelphia.....1887.....	19 50	2 00	1 50
50	Western Star.....1887.....	81 75	10 00	1 50
51	Eastern Star.....1887.....	43 50	2 00	1 50
54	King Solomon.....1887.....	21 00	13 00	1 50
57	Temple.....1887.....	11 25	2 00	1 50
58	Kentville.....1887.....	33 00	5 00	1 50
61	Clarke.....to May, 1886.....	22 50	4 00	1 50
62	Taylor....." 1887.....	41 25	4 00	1 50
63	Corinthian....." 1887.....	25 50	1 00	1 50
64	Richmond....." 1887.....	15 75	.....	1 50
66	Sircom....." 1887.....	17 00	.....	1 50
66	Sircom....." 1887.....	15 75	2 00	1 50
67	Minas....." 1886.....	22 50	4 00	1 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.—(Continued.)

No.	RECEIVED FROM	Dues.	Diplomas.	Pro-ceedings.
67	Minas, back dues..... " 1886.....	75		
67	Minas..... " 1887.....	25 50	9 00	1 50
68	Curren..... " 1887.....	19 50	8 00	1 50
69	Charity..... " 1887.....	24 75	4 00	1 50
70	Laurie..... " 1887.....	27 00	6 00	1 50
71	Granville..... " 1886.....	13 50	.....	.....
72	Eastern Light..... " 1886.....	33 00	8 00	1 50
73	Ionie..... " 1887.....	20 25	4 00	1 50
74	North Star, arrears in full up to and including 1886, fees and dues.....	52 25	.. ..	.....
76	Wallace..... 1887.....	19 50	2 00	....
77	Hudson..... 1888.....	18 00	10 00	1 50
		\$2144 00	353 00	81 00

Dispensations, 3rd degree :

New Caledonia Lodge, 1886	\$ 5 00
" " " 1886	10 00
Scotia " 1887	5 00
Tyrian Youth " 1887	5 00
Hiram " 1887	5 00
Rothsay " 1887	5 00
	<u>\$35 00</u>

Renewal of diploma :

Welsford, ...	\$ 1 00
St. Mark, ...	1 00
	<u>\$ 2 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Received for dues	\$2144 00
" " diplomas	353 00
" " Proceedings	81 00
" " 3rd degree dispensations	35 00
" " renewal of diplomas	2 00
Total for fees, dues, dispensations and renewals	<u>\$2615 00</u>

FREEMASONS' HALL.

Received for rent from :

St. Andrew's Lodge, to Nov. 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	\$112 50
St. John's " " Nov. 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	112 50
Virgin " " May 1, 1887	..	..	..	..	..	100 00
Royal Sussex " " May 1, 1887	..	..	..	..	..	217 50
Burns " " May 1, 1887	..	..	..	..	..	100 00
Acadia " " Nov. 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	112 50
Athole " " May 1, 1886	..	.	..	:	..	62 50
Keith " " May 1, 1887	..	..	..	..	..	100 00
Union " " May 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	75 50
Lodge of St. Mark, " Nov. 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	112 50
Royal Standard Lodge, to Nov. 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	112 50
St. Andrew's Chapter, " May 1, 1886	..	..	..	..	..	125 00
Public Hall, ...	..	..	..	..	..	144 00
						<u>\$1487 00</u>

Amount received for Dues, Diplomas, &c.,	...	...	...	\$2615 00
" " from Freemasons' Hall,	...	...	..	<u>1487 00</u>

Total amount received during the year and paid Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts,	...	...	...	} ... \$4102 00
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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, *in acct. with* JAMES
DEMPSTER, *Grand Treasurer.*

1886.

DR.

May 29.	To cash paid Mrs. Martin's account for partition.....	\$ 6 00
"	" " " " " wood and truckage.	4 50
"	" " Estate late J. Martin, services attending public room, two meetings.....	3 00
"	" " Estate late J. Martin, salary 7 weeks, ending March 25th, at \$3 00	21 00
May 1.	" " J. J. McKeil, Janitor, salary from March 25th to May 1st, 5 weeks, at \$3 00 per week....	15 00
	Attending boiler one week.....	2 00
June 4.	" " C. B. Hewson, Rep. Laurie Lodge, No. 70, travelling expenses.....	8 46

1886.

June 4.	To cash paid E. E. Tupper, Rep. Keith, No. 16, trav. ex-	
	penses	\$ 15 00
"	" J. F. Saunders, King Solomon, No. 54, trav.	
	expenses.....	14 50
"	" R. McLeod, Corinthian, No. 63, trav. expenses	9 60
"	" Geo. Gray, Keith, No. 23, trav. expenses.....	9 00
"	" A. Rogers, Hiram, No. 12, trav. expenses.....	17 50
"	" W. Inglis Moffat, Acacia, No. 8, trav. expenses	13 90
"	" J. G. Locke, Taylor, No. 62, trav. expenses...	15 00
"	" S. R. Sleep, St. George's, No. 20, trav. ex-	
	penses.....	7 25
"	" Rev. J. A. Logan, North Star, No. 74, trav.	
	expenses	8 50
"	" A. McDonald, Queen's, No. 34, trav. expenses	20 00
"	" H. S. Jacques, Harmony, No. 52, trav. ex-	
	penses	9 85
"	" J. McDormand, Annapolis Royal, No. 33, trav.	
	expenses	12 00
"	" W. A. Porter, Poyntz, No. 44, trav. expenses.	7 23
"	" A. McLellan, St. Andrew's, No. 7, trav. ex-	
	penses	18 06
"	" John Gray, Western Star, No. 50, trav. ex-	
	penses	9 50
"	" A. J. Morrison, Ionic, No. 73, trav. expenses...	13 10
"	" A. B. Baxter, Scotia, No. 28, trav. expenses....	10 90
"	" T. Higgs, Widow's Son, No. 48, trav. expenses	9 50
"	" D. F. McRae, St. Mark's, No. 35, trav. ex-	
	penses.....	18 00
"	" J. T. Campbell, Wallace, No. 76, trav. expenses	10 50
"	" H. B. Webster, Kentville, No. 58, trav. expenses	8 00
"	" A. McQueen, Albion, No. 5, trav. expenses....	9 00
"	" Rev. C. Bowman, Minas, No. 67, trav. expenses	4 36
"	" W. M. Forsyth, Rothesay, No. 41, trav. expenses	10 60
"	" R. W. McDonald, Hudson, No. 77, trav. ex-	
	penses.....	12 00
"	" John Snow, funeral expenses, late G. Taylor...	54 50
"	" Citizens Ins. Co., on G. L. furniture, to June	
	14th, 1887, \$3000 at 47c.	*19 80
July 8.	" " Coupons (Sussex Lodge).....	40 00
"	" " Stamps.....	6 50
"	" " Halifax Ins. Co. on Hall, to July 9, 1887,	
	\$10000.....	40 00

* An error of \$5.70 in this item in favor of G. Lodge will be corrected in next year's account.

1886.

July	31.	To cash paid J. J. McKeil, Janitor, salary from May 1st to July 31st, 13 weeks at \$3.00 per week.....	\$ 39 00
	31.	“ “ J. J. McKeil, services attending public room, 8 meetings, at \$1.50 each.....	12 00
Aug.	18.	“ “ Gas Co. to July 30, 1886, 22100 cubic feet at \$2.50, \$55.25; less 20 p. c. discount, \$11.05	44 20
	26.	“ “ “City of London” Ins. Co. on Hall, to Aug. 26, 1887, \$5000, at ½ %	25 00
Sept.	1.	“ “ Grand Secretary to date.....	150 00
		“ “ Grand Secretary balance due for 1886.....	100 00
Oct.	1.	“ “ J. Bowes & Sons, printing to July 3rd	16 25
		“ “ J. J. McKeil, expenses to Westville and back by order of Grand Master... ..	7 50
	20.	“ “ Estate of late J. Martin, tyling ½ year to Dec. 31st, 1885.....	15 00
		“ “ J. W. Ruhland for repairs on Hall, as follows : J. W. Ruhland's bill 74 25 J. E. M. Taylor's bill..... 80 00 J. J. McKeil's bill..... 25 00	179 25
	20.	“ “ J. J. McKeil's acct. taking up and putting down carpets, washing paint and floors.....	25 00
		“ “ J. Cornelius, repairing G. Master's Jewel, Aug. 6, 1885.....	00 50
		“ “ Gas Co. to Oct. 29, 1886, 17300 cubic feet, at 2.50, \$43.25, less 20 per cent. discount, 8.65	34 60
Nov.	2.	“ “ J. J. McKeil, janitor, salary from July 31st to August 31st, 13 weeks, at \$3.00 per week ..	39 00
	27.	“ “ Paid Queen Insurance Co. on Hall to Nov. 28, 1887, 15000 at ½	75 00
Dec.	1.	“ “ Grand Secretary, one quarter's salary to date... ..	150 00
	8.	“ “ Geo. Taylor, for removing ashes	3 00
	16.	“ “ A. Fordham, (coupons).....	8 00
	18.	“ “ W. N. Brown, for wheelbarrow	4 50
1887.			
Jan.	19.	“ “ Postal cards.....	1 00
		“ “ Stamps	18 00
		“ “ Coupons, St. Andrew's Chapter	20 00
		“ “ Coupons (Athole Lodge)	8 00
		“ “ D. McAlpine, for Directory	2 50
	24.	“ “ Donaldson Estate, one half year's interest on \$22000, at 6 per cent., to Dec. 1st, 1886 ...	660 00
Feb.	4.	“ “ J. J. McKeil, janitor, salary from October 30 to Jan. 31, 13 weeks, at 3.00 per week	39 00

1887.

Feb. 4.	To cash paid J. J. McKeil, services attending public room, 5 meetings	\$ 7 50
"	" J. J. McKeil, expenses to Pictou and back, in December	5 53
"	" Coupons, Capt. Bland.....	4 00
19. "	" Gas Co., to Jan. 29th, 1887, 25900, at 2.50, 64.75, less 20 per cent. discount, 12.95	51 80
April 16. "	" Coupons, L. of St. Mark	8 00
"	" Coupons, St. John's Lodge	43 20
"	" Coupons, Royal Sussex	40 00
"	" Post Cards	1 00
May 9. "	" Stamps	5 00
"	" John Power, of Widow's Son Lodge, from Benevolent Fund	20 00
"	" Coupons (Burns Lodge).....	48 00
10. "	" J. J. McKeil, janitor, salary from Jan. 31 to April 30th, 13 weeks, at 3.00	39 00
"	" J. J. McKeil, attending public hall, 5 meetings, at 1.50 each.....	7 50
"	" J. J. McKeil, for wood and truckage	3 95
"	" Paid interest on advances	9 60
20. "	" Coupons Eastern Star.....	11 20
"	" Gas Co. to April 26, 1887, 24000 cubic feet, at 2.50, \$60.00, less 20 per cent. discount, \$12	48 00
21. "	" Paid Grand Secretary one-half year's salary to June 1st, 1887.....	300 00
"	" Paid P. O. Box	4 00
"	" Donaldson Estate, 1/2 year's interest on 22000, at 6 per cent., to June 1st, 1887	660 00
"	" Wm. Macnab, printing 600 copies G. L. Proceedings for 1886	231 50
"	" Coupons, (St Andrews Lodge).....	104 00
"	" Coupons, Keith Lodge	12 00
"	" Wm. Roche, for coal, as follows :—	
	July, 1886, 8 chaldrons Acadia	42 00
	" 18 tons broken do	94 50
	" truckage	13 00
"	" Discount on Agency checks and foreign money	1 97
"	" Coupons, J. Fortune.....	80
23. "	" Wm. Macnab, printing summonses, envelopes, Annual Returns, letter heads, Agenda	20 00
"	" James Bowes & Sons, printing notices, visitations, postal cards, &c.	6 00
"	" Mahon Bros., funeral of late G. Tyler.....	5 97
"	" City Water Rates to May 1st, 1887.....	67 50

1887.

May 23.	To cash paid City taxes, County, school and poor rates for \$ 64 00	
	1886	46 00
	" " A. & W. McKinlay (Stationery)	7 06
	" " J. F. Kelly, double leather strap for box.....	1 00
24.	" " "Recorder," printing to June 1, 1887 (an. com.)	4 00
	" " "Morning Chronicle" to June 1, 1887 (an. com.)	5 00
	" " " " printing funeral notice	
	late G. Tyler, Dec., 1885.....	3 75
	" " Morning Herald, to June 1st, 1887 (an. com.)	5 00
	" " Coupons, Virgin Lodge.....	92 00
	" " Coupons (A. E. Curren).....	4 00
	" " Discount on cheque.....	25
Total paid out		\$4292 49

1886.

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June 2.	By balance in hand from last year.....	\$ 768 76
July 8.	By Cash from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 234 50
" "	" " " "	357 25

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Jany. 19.	" " " "	392 00
" "	" " " "	88 25
April 16.	" " " "	342 50
" "	" " " "	184 25
May 9.	" " " "	155 50
" "	" " " "	185 75
May 16.	" " " "	427 50
" "	" " " "	100 00
May 20.	" " " "	464 75
May 21.	" " " "	662 50
" "	" " " "	162 50
May 23.	" " " "	173 25
May 24.	" " " "	100 00
" "	" " " "	71 50
		4102 00
		\$4870 76
Cash paid out.....		4292 49
Balance on hand		\$ 578 27

On motion, the Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEP. GRAND MASTERS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :

Having been honored by you with the appointment as your representative for district No. 1, I beg to submit the following report of my official duties for the past Masonic year :

My work of visitation of the City Lodges was unfortunately undertaken at an inopportune time. The month of February is nearly always chosen for this duty, as being that next previous to the month for the Election of Officers in Subordinate Lodges for the ensuing year, and usually the most desirable one. This year, however, it was the month in which the general election of representatives to the Dominion Parliament took place, and all good citizens were busily at work, fighting the battles of their respective parties. The excitement, as is customary on such occasions, ran high in the City, and men forgot almost all else in their eager desire that the right side should win. It thus happened that I did not see many of the Lodges under as favorable circumstances as I otherwise might have seen them, yet on the whole I am pleased to be able to report that the Lodges in this district continue to show to good advantage, and that the Craft here still maintains a strong hold on the confidence and good will of the public generally.

It was a fortuitous circumstance that made my first official act, a visit to my own—my mother Lodge—St. Andrew's, No. 1, on the evening of the first day of February. My intimate acquaintance with all its workings, made my inspection of the Lodge records, and this my visit, simply matters of formal routine. You will be pleased to know that this time-honored Lodge continues to stand well in all that goes to constitute a successful institution. The Lodge has a membership of sixty—an increase of seven over that of last year—with an average attendance of fifteen. Sixteen degrees were conferred during the year. The finances are in a satisfactory condition—the Lodge holding G. L. Debentures in Freemasons' Hall to the extent of \$2,600—being the largest Lodge owner—with other available funds more than sufficient to meet all demands. The work of the Secretary, Bro. W. R. Cogswell, is carefully and explicitly done, and compares most favorably with that of his confrères in the same office.

On the following evening, that of the second of February, I visited Burns Lodge, No. 10, and met with a cordial greeting. This sturdy old Lodge—numbering as it does over eighty members, with an average attendance of over twenty, still carries along its honorable record of prosperity. With assets amounting to nearly \$4000, of which nearly \$2000 are in Dominion Savings Bank deposits, and \$1200 in G. L. Debentures, the brethren continue to dispense charity with a liberal hand. The record of Lodge proceedings, from the pen of P. M. W. Bro. Waddell, is systematically and faithfully kept, while the large funds in the hands of P. M. W. Bro. Fortune, have been safely treasured and honestly dispensed by him for 36 consecutive years.

On Thursday evening, the 3rd, I visited Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6, and was again kindly welcomed. Royal Sussex, like others of her sister Lodges, has had her times of adversity as well as of prosperity, and seems now to be sailing along with favoring winds and a fair sky. The Lodge numbers about 43 members, whose average attendance was about 12. Twelve degrees were conferred during the year, and it was my pleasure during my visit to witness the first degree very satisfactorily given. Though numerically small, Royal Sussex seems again to be alive and active, and under the good management of W. Bro. Bentley and his officers, with the careful supervision of experienced Past Masters, the Lodge may fairly be said to have had a successful year.

On the evening of the first Monday in the month, Feby. 7th, I paid my visit to St. John's Lodge No. 2. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and my reception was a most kindly one. The Lodge has a membership of nearly 60, and an average attendance of 15. The work done during the year was small in quantity, but from the ability of the members, I know it to have been well done. St. John's numbers among its adherents no fewer than three P. G. Masters and a P. G. Warden, besides other brethren eminent in the craft. The Lodge suffers, as do the others, from members tardy in the payment of their dues, a neglect which sometimes almost becomes criminal. However, an ownership in Freemasons' Hall to the extent of \$1000 gives the assets a favorable appearance, while other real estate investments whose actual value it is a little more difficult to determine now, may some day develop into a veritable bonanza.

On the following evening, Tuesday, Feby. 8th, I visited Eastern Star Lodge No. 51, holding at the town of Dartmouth. I was accompanied by several brethren from the City—G. L. Officers and others, whom I had invited to what has always hitherto been an enjoyable re-union of the brethren. What was my surprise to find, in a Lodge numbering almost sixty members, but a "beggary array of empty benches" to welcome me, not enough members present to fill the officers' chairs, and the Lodge in charge of the Junior Warden. True, the night was a stormy one, but it was not too stormy for me to cross the harbor and fill the engagement I had made for that evening, nor was it too stormy for some of the brethren who accompanied me to travel long distances to the ferry that they might be present. It did not add any to the pleasantness of the situation to be informed that the W. M. and several of the brethren had gone to a sleighing party that day and had not yet returned. The slight offered to your representative could not readily be covered by the apologies of the brethren present. My thanks are, however, due to the Acting Master for his attention and courtesy and for the agreeable manner in which he filled an awkward situation. The work done by Eastern Star Lodge during the year was almost nothing, but two degrees conferred, as against 28 in the previous year. The average attendance was about 15. Financially the Lodge is in a good condition, there being a good balance in hand and all bills paid. Some errors, rather of omission than otherwise, in the record of proceedings were pointed out, and suggestions made to the Secretary, who, by the way, is a young mason, as to the better recording of the minutes.

Keith Lodge, No. 17, was visited on the evening of Thursday, the 10th of February. There was a good gathering of the Craft, and a pleasant welcome was accorded to me. Keith Lodge numbers nearly 60 members, whose attendance at the regular meetings has averaged 18 for the year. Twelve degrees were given. The minutes of proceedings are very carefully and fully recorded by P. M. Bro. Jas. A. Smith, and form an excellent Epitome of the Lodge work. The funds in the hands of the Treasurer are equal to all demands made upon them, and taken all in all, Keith Lodge has had a successful year.

On the following evening, Friday, May 11th, I visited The Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38, and was again cordially received. With scarcely any work done during the year, with its membership decreased by a decade, and its expenses largely in excess of its income, the Lodge has had anything but a prosperous year. Pleasant recollections of the days when St. Mark's was a tower of strength to the Craft in this jurisdiction, made me sigh over its fading greatness. Large accumulation of outstanding dues, and lack of interest generally by its members, have brought this once strong Lodge well nigh to bankruptcy. Having a membership nominally of over fifty, the attendance at the stated meetings has been all too small. A brisk rally of the old members, some of whom still continue active, may yet fan into renewed life and vigour the embers now smouldering on the hearth, and the Lodge rising and spreading, Phoenix-like, its pinions, may yet soar away to greater heights of prosperity than ever.

"Acadia Lodge," No. 14, was visited on the evening of the second Monday, February 14th. There was a good gathering of the members, and a pleasant evening was spent. The year was quite a successful one. Twenty degrees were conferred, and the work was excellently done. The membership is about 60, and the average attendance about 12. The financial state of the Lodge is good, all bills having been paid and a handsome balance still remaining on hand. Acadia Lodge is fortunate in numbering among its members my immediate predecessor in this office, P. D. D. G. M. Ruhland, whose wise counsel and timely advice help to guide the Lodge in safety, through the varying difficulties which constantly beset even the best regulated institutions.

On Monday evening, the 21st, I visited Union Lodge, No. 18. This Lodge labours under a difficulty, in the fact, that of its 46 members, one half are non-residents. Consequently, the average attendance for the year was disproportionately small, being only six. Twelve degrees were conferred. The funds have been ample to supply all demands against them, with but little left afterwards in the treasury. The Secretary's work is only moderately well done, and too frequently indicates a degree of carelessness, of which there is no need. The minutes are to stand always, as a true record of all the Lodge work, and should ever bear upon their face the impress of the skill and tact of a careful transcriber. Time thus spent is time well spent.

"Athole Lodge," No. 15, meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and on the evening of the 23rd of February I visited it in regular communication. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and my reception was a hearty one.

The number of members is about 50, with an average attendance of 10. But little work was done during the year, six degrees were conferred. Financially the Lodge about holds its own—its income barely paying expenses.

On the last day of the month—the 28th—I visited Virgin Lodge, No. 3, and was warmly welcomed. There was a good attendance of members, and the evening was enjoyably spent. In the absence of the W. M. from the city, the S. W., Bro. Rev. F. R. Murray, filled the East very acceptably. Ten degrees were given during the year, and I witnessed with much satisfaction on the evening of my visit the work of the first degree as given in the manner peculiar to Virgin Lodge among the Lodges under this registry. Financially, Virgin Lodge stands well. It holds G. L. Debentures to the extent of \$2300, being second only to St. Andrew's Lodge in this respect, and has cash deposited in the Dominion Savings' Bank to the tune of nearly \$1000 more. The minutes of proceedings from the pen of R. W. Bro. T. Mowbray, I have examined with much care, and find in them nothing with which to find fault, but much to commend. For neatness and completeness they rank with the best. A pleasant supper at the close, to which your representative helped to do justice, was a fitting finish to an all-pleasant evening.

Thus ended my work of official visitation. Eureka Lodge, No. 42, located at Sheet Harbor, having alone been unvisited. A contemplated visit in the autumn of last year was unhappily frustrated, and the bad roads and inclement weather of spring made it injudicious to take so long a trip at this season. However, I am glad to be assured that the Lodge has had a successful year and continues prosperous.

In all the Lodges, I found that the attendance had been small in proportion to the membership. In but one was the average more than 25 per cent., and in some the proportion was very much smaller. This seems to be largely due to a lack of interest on the part of the old members, who too often feel that "having borne the heat and burden of the day" in the past, they may now rest and wait for some special occasion to call them forth. A small amount of work, often little more than that attending the opening and closing of the Lodge, and the lack of the social element, are not sufficient attractions to draw them from home and a comfortable fire side. To Virgin Lodge belongs the credit of discovering how to interest and increase its membership, by appealing to the Masonic heart through the Masonic stomach. A light supper following their work on stated communications succeeded in doubling the attendance of members from the start.

I strongly urged upon all the Lodges the great need of a programme of work of some kind for each regular meeting. If there be no degree to confer, then a discussion on some prearranged masonic topic—an examination in open Lodge, by eminently qualified brethren, of a brother supposed to desire admission into a strange Lodge—a change of officers and practice of the work to make all the officers in turn familiar with the whole work of the Lodge, these and like suggestions were offered to and urged upon the members present as methods to help in making their Lodge meetings more interesting and attractive.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, allow me to express to you my warmest thanks for the honor you have done me in appointing me to this responsible office, and to trust that my efforts to fulfil its duties may have met with your approval. To the brethren generally, of the district I tender my hearty thanks for their uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me as your representative, and wish for them greater success during the incoming year. If there be one suggestion I feel called upon to make, more than another, and of the need of which my official duties have strongly convinced me, it is, that some provision be made by Grand Lodge for a uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. TRENAMAN,
D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

Halifax, May 31st, 1887.

SECOND DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—

In the first place, allow me to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by yourself in appointing me to the responsible position of District Deputy Grand Master for District number two.

I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to perform the responsible duties of that office, and I trust to your satisfaction as well as the satisfaction of the Craft.

On the 7th day of June, A. D., 1886, I granted a dispensation to Harmony Lodge, No. 52, R. N. S., to wear regalia on St. John's day, June 24, while they attended Divine Service conducted by R. W. Bro. the Rev. Geo. B. Dodwell, M. A., in the Methodist Church in Berwick.

On the 6th day of December, A. D. 1886, I granted a dispensation to the Brethren of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, to wear regalia at the annual celebration of St. John's day, December 27th, when a large number of brethren and lady friends partook of a sumptuous dinner served in the Lodge Room.

On the 7th day of March last, I visited Harmony Lodge, No. 52, officially. I inspected the secretary's books, found them very neatly kept by their very efficient secretary, H. J. Chute, P. M.

On the 4th day of April, I was called upon to install the officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in the absence of Past Deputy Grand Master, Rev. R. Avery, who had previously been invited, but who was not able to be present on account of ill health.

The officers of this Lodge were duly installed by the D. D. G. Master, assisted by W. Bro. H. S. Jacques.

On the 6th day of April I visited Scotia Lodge, No. 28, Canning, at their regular meeting, and found the brethren in waiting : as there was no work before the Lodge, I inspected the secretary's books and found them correctly kept. It being the evening for installation I installed their officers, assisted by W. Bro. D. M. Dickie, Past Master.

On the 7th day of April I visited Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, at Hantsport, at the regular meeting of the Lodge. There was a fair attendance of the members present. I inspected the secretary's books, found them very nicely kept by their very efficient secretary, W. Bro. J. W. Lawrence, Past Master, who is the right man in the right place.

On the 8th day of April, I visited St. George's Lodge, No. 20, at Wolfville, and found a good many of the brethren present. I examined the secretary's books, found them kept in a manner that reflects great credit on their secretary, W. Bro. J. W. Caldwell, Past Master.

It being the evening for the installation of their officers, and I having previously been invited by the retiring Master to perform the ceremony, I proceeded with the installation, kindly assisted by W. Bro. G. H. Wallace, Past Master. After the installation was through, and several speeches had been made, the brethren retired to the American House, where a bountiful dinner had been provided, which was enjoyed immensely by the brethren present, after which many toasts were proposed and duly honored, and all without the aid of wine.

On the 11th day of April I visited Kentville Lodge, No. 58, at Kentville, accompanied by R. W. Bro. C. F. Cochran, D. G. Master. On entering the Lodge room we found a large number of the brethren present. I had inspected the books, which are a model of neatness, kept by their secretary, H. A. Pratt.

This was the evening for installation. I had been previously invited to install the officers, but as the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Cochran, was present, I assisted him in the installation service, which was done in due form.

Kentville Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and with the noble staff of officers now installed, we bespeak a prosperous year for this Lodge.

On the 13th day of April I visited Welsford Lodge, No. 26, Windsor, inspected the books, which are certainly very nicely kept in every respect, and a model of neatness and a credit to the Lodge, as having so efficient an officer as Bro. H. W. Dimock, their present secretary.

Welsford Lodge has had a very prosperous year, and is the largest Lodge in the district.

I promised, if in office at the time, to grant a dispensation to the brethren of this Lodge to appear in regalia on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1887, the day on which the town of Windsor intend celebrating the Jubilee of our beloved Queen Victoria, Empress of India, &c., &c.

Before closing this short report of my official duties, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the various Lodges visited for the respectful and very courteous manner in which I have been received as your representative.

Upon every occasion my suggestions were received with the attention and consideration due the position I have occupied during the past twelve months.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. E. JEFFERSON,
D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

Berwick, King's Co., May 28th, A. D. 1887.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :

I have the honour to report that peace, harmony, and for the most part, prosperity, characterize the state of the Lodges in District, No. 3.

They were all visited officially during the year, the records examined, and found neatly and correctly kept.

On the occasion of my visit to Keith Lodge, No. 16, I found quite a number of Brethren, assembled in their bright little hall, but I regret to say that the average attendance at their meetings has been very small. This may be accounted for by the fact that very many had left the vicinity in order to improve their circumstances. For the same reason little work had been done. I mildly hinted that if an invitation were given to visit Bear River during cherry season, Annapolis Royal Lodge would assuredly accept it, whereupon it was proposed to hold a Masonic Picnic there in July, and I know if the M. W. Grand Master and a large following of the Craft present themselves on that occasion, lots of cherries and a hearty welcome will be accorded them.

Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, is in a really prosperous and flourishing condition. Since their heavy loss by fire, the Brethren have purchased a new building, small, it is true, but capable of considerable extension. Fifty or sixty dollars would cover the debt of the Lodge, and a good tenant has possession of the lower flat of the building at a fair rent.

The ladies of the town and vicinity have organized a sewing circle, and propose holding a Bazaar on July 1st, the proceeds of which are to be appropriated to the extension of the building, so that the hall will be one of the largest and best in the district.

Since my last report, Granville Lodge, No. 71, has joined its forces to Annapolis Royal in the manner provided by Section 48 of the Constitution, the consolidated Lodge retaining the name, number, and place of meeting of Annapolis Royal Lodge. This move, I believe, will be conducive to the prosperity of all concerned.

I met a large gathering of the brethren on the occasion of my visit to Rothsay, No. 41, Bridgetown.

The third degree was conferred upon two candidates by Right Worshipful W. E. Starratt and the Worshipful Master in an admirable manner ; and a bountiful repast closed the proceedings of a most delightful evening. This fine Lodge occupies a position second to none in the district.

I was very much gratified with the progress made by King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, Digby, since my visit in 1885. The Worshipful Master and officers understand their several duties, and all seem to be influenced by the idea that their Lodge must take the place which its geographical position and other natural advantages warrant. A fair amount of work out of good material has been done.

Ionic Lodge, No. 73, Middleton, is making very satisfactory progress. The books bear evidence of care and watchfulness on the part of the W. Master and Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, M. D.,

D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :

My report to you of official work performed since the last regular Communication of Grand Lodge is short, as M. W. Bro. J. Wimburn Laurie, P. G. M., kindly consented to visit the Masonic Lodges in Shelburne County.

In December, 1886, I granted a dispensation to Hiram and Scotia Lodges, to wear regalia at the Annual Celebration of St. John's day which was celebrated by the Lodges marching in procession to Providence Church, at which W. Bro. Rev. Joseph Gaetz delivered an instructive sermon fully illustrating the wise builder.

In April, 1887, at the regular monthly meeting of the several Lodges I, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Arthur Rogers, Junior G. Warden, officially visited Hiram, No. 12, and Scotia, No. 31, and at the request of the W. Master installed the officers elect.

I appreciate the continued confidence of G. Lodge as evidenced by my re-appointment, but believe that honors should be divided.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. CROSBY,

D. D. G. M.

Yarmouth, May, 1887.

REPORT OF M. W. BRO. J. W. LAURIE.

OAKFIELD, N. S., April 28, 1887.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

Acting under instructions contained in your letter of January, I duly notified the several Lodges, and on 25th February I visited Albert Lodge at Shelburne, at an emergency meeting called for the purpose. A numerous body of the brethren attended, and strong desire was expressed to continue active members of the Craft. The membership has fallen off from several causes, among which are the destruction of the new hall by fire, the loss of the entire property of the Lodge, and general financial troubles. It is proposed to restore to membership all former members who pay up the Grand Lodge dues actually paid by the

Lodge for the time they have been in arrear. Grand Lodge has been petitioned to remit the arrears of dues now outstanding, and it is hoped that in this way, by getting a fresh start, they may be able to build up the Lodge afresh.

The financial straits of the Lodge were, I believe, hardly understood when this matter was brought before Grand Lodge; the hall had been erected at heavy cost, absorbing all the funds of the Lodge, and being further mortgaged which latter was being gradually paid off; the insurance on full amount being regularly paid, as was supposed; but, when the building was burnt, it was discovered that through some misunderstanding the premium had only been maintained on the actually outstanding debt, and difficulties prevented action being taken to recover damages on this account. Should Grand Lodge take a favorable view of this case, I believe the brethren would rally from the discouragements that have successively overtaken them, and that Albert Lodge, piloted by the zealous brethren who have stood by it in troublous times, would yet become a bulwark of the Craft. The room in which Albert Lodge meets is small, but is conveniently arranged and well serves its temporary purpose, and is liberally placed at the disposal of the Lodge by R. W. Bro. N. W. White.

On 1st March I visited Taylor Lodge, at Lockeport, also at an emergency meeting. The brethren of this Lodge are animated by the same spirit that rules amongst the citizens of Lockeport, and which has enabled them to build up a thriving and prosperous business centre. The ritual was well worked. The Lodge is ambitious, has secured a building lot, has laid by funds, and proposes at an early day to erect a suitable hall. I warned them to be cautious, but assured them that the M. W. Grand Master would, if practicable, shew his interest in the good work by attending either at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, or at dedication, and that he would probably be accompanied and well supported by prominent brethren. I advised interchange of formal and ceremonial visits with neighboring Lodges, as isolation tended to produce stagnation; and the interchange of visits, always avoiding unnecessary expense in entertainments, would produce emulation and increased zeal.

On 2nd March I attended the regular meeting of Philadelphia Lodge, at Barrington. This Lodge has met with considerable vicissitudes, but now has the use of a comfortable and spacious hall at a low rental; many of the brethren are absent at sea during the summer months, and the meetings have not been regularly held. I found that occasionally the Lodge had been opened by a Past Master, and this was justified on the ground that Master and Wardens were all absent at sea, and this year also three officers were nominated and would have been elected, who would all have been absent through the summer. I strongly recommended that one resident at least should be elected, so as to insure the opening of the Lodge, or else that the Lodge should obtain authority to call off from work for the summer, but the former suggestion was carried out.

Harmony Lodge at N. E. Harbour, had not met for two years, I advised application to G. Master for permission to resume work, and when obtained offered to assist in the installation of officers, but was informed that the communi-

cation from the Grand Secretary authorized the election in March, and it was not found practicable to summon the Lodge and carry out the election and installation so early in the month. I therefore requested R. W. Bro. White, and active Brethren in the neighbourhood to undertake this duty and afford every assistance and encouragement.

My time, unfortunately, did not admit of my returning to Clarke's Harbour and visiting the Lodge there, which I much regret--regrets which I was given to understand were shared by the Brethren of the Lodge.

I very much regret to report that I learnt on all sides that there are a great many unaffiliate Masons in this District; it might be well to ask the several Lodges to report on this, and whether by any modification of our Rules there would be reasonable prospect of their rejoining the Lodges, or re-organizing defunct, or establishing new Lodges in the growing centres of population. Albert Lodge is endeavouring in its own way to solve this question; we can but wish it every success and afford it all encouragement.

Arriving at Yarmouth, I was met by a delegation of the Brethren of Hiram and Scotia Lodges, and escorted to the Lodge room, to an emergent meeting specially summoned to offer the reception which indeed was most cordial and indicative of the brotherly feelings that subsist between the energetic Masons of Yarmouth and their Brethren in other parts of the Province. The most kindly sentiments were expressed, and the evening's gathering furnished an intellectual treat in the addresses given by Brethren of high culture, whilst the generally hearty expressions of good feeling tended to draw more closely the bonds of fraternal intercourse.

The efficiency and zeal of the Brethren of the Yarmouth Lodges are not sufficiently known or appreciated by the Craft throughout the Province. R. W. Bro. Crosby, who as D. D. G. Master, has the duty of reporting on these Lodges, is too modest to give to them all the praise which is their due.

I am more than confirmed in the opinion I have long held that it is most desirable that the visits of the Officers of Grand Lodge should be more frequent to the subordinate Lodges, especially to those at a distance; bringing these Lodges into closer touch with Grand Lodge and increasing the sympathy which should be shared and felt amongst Masons in the same jurisdiction; a sympathy which actually exists but in a latent form, owing partly to the rarity of the intercourse and partly to a misunderstanding of the relative positions and duties of the Grand Lodge and the working Lodges.

Trusting that the duties you called on me to perform have been carried out in a manner to meet your approval and that of Grand Lodge,

I remain, M. W. Sir,

Fraternally yours,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

P. G. M.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :

I beg to thank you very heartily, not only for the honor conferred on old "Unity Lodge, No. 4," by the appointment of one of its members to the office of D. D. G. Master for District No. 5, but also for a lot of genuine personal pleasure, derived from my intercourse with the brethren of the different Lodges comprising the same, to each of which I have recently paid an official visit, the lateness of which, attributable in a great measure to unavoidable causes, at least enables me to furnish the "latest intelligence."

I reside in Lunenburg ; and as "charity begins at home," so was my first official visit paid to Unity Lodge, No. 4, on the night of its regular communication, of April 5th, ult, when I had the honor of installing the officers for the ensuing year. The attendance, which is always good, was upon this occasion large and enthusiastic, the brethren being happy in the advent to office of a most efficient staff, capable of maintaining the vigorous health, which characterized the then condition of their trust, under the guidance of a brand-new W. M., Bro. A. J. Wolff, a retired master mariner of mature experience, whose interest in Masonry, and successful career at the helm, are considered a sufficient guarantee for his safer arrival in port, at the termination of the articles, with flying colors on the *Craft* of which he is now in charge.

On the 3rd of May, inst., I again officially visited the above Lodge on the occasion of its first meeting in their new Lodge Room, recently secured under a ten years' lease, being the top or third story of a centrally situate new building ; and although not specially constructed for the purpose, nor all that could be desired, it is a vast and most gratifying improvement on the old quarters, which, vacated as they were with many fond regrets, had, in view of increased membership, become quite inadequate to present requirements. A full new suite of furniture in walnut and rep (to be supplemented by a carpet in Masonic designs, new regalia, etc.,) has been procured, and the outlook for Unity Lodge is a pleasant one.

During the past year there have been 12 regular Communications, and 8 Emergencies. Three deaths have occurred, in connection with which is the peculiar coincidence, that each of the deceased bore the Christian name "Charles," viz. : Charles Kaulbach, Charles Arenburg, Charles Smeltzer. 15 candidates were balloted for, 9 of whom were elected, 6 rejected, a result which speaks well for the exercise of a sound discretion by the brethren, regardless of pecuniary gain.

The books of Unity Lodge have been kept with much care and neatness, and when, by a careful examination of the records of proceedings, I was enabled to point out errors and omissions which always do creep in somehow, my remarks and suggestions relative to their avoidance in the future were received in the kindest spirit. Bills have been paid promptly, charity has been dispensed as

occasion required, and the financial condition of the Lodge justifies the recent heavy outlay.

May 6th, inst., accompanied by the W. M., and several of the brethren of Unity Lodge, I visited Charity Lodge, No. 69, Mahone Bay, by the brethren of which we were received with the utmost cordiality. Although at this season of the year, their numbers are much reduced by the absence of seafaring members, there are the faithful few, who are always on hand to keep matters warm and in shape for the return of the wanderers. On the secretary's minutes I found a most touching reference to the death of a lamented brother, John West, P. M., which occurred Oct. 18th, 1885, referring to his sterling worth as a mason, and bewailing the irreparable loss which the Lodge had thereby sustained.

Immediately following the entry of the demise of another brother appears a resolution donating \$20.00 to his widow, whilst other instances of practical charity are not wanting. The usual books are neatly kept, but a well intended desire upon the part of their esteemed secretary, to be brief in his minutes, frequently results in making proceedings appear to have been irregular, when, in reality, they are not often so.

Tuesday, 10th May, inst., I visited Acacia Lodge, No. 39, Bridgewater. Their Lodge room is particularly snug and nice, and its equipments in keeping therewith. By the kind attention of the secretary, and treasurer, every facility was afforded me for the necessary review of proceedings, in respect to which the following extract from the entry made in their books, will speak for itself, viz. : "I have carefully examined the books of this "Acacia" Lodge as far back as the visit thereto of R. W. D. D. G. M. Ruhland, on the 11th Jan., 1884." Since when, until the present, I regret to observe that no official visitation, or inspection of the same has occurred, and find, that during the interim the general affairs of the Lodge have, in the main, been progressing satisfactorily, that the attendance both of officers and brethren, which at one time was somewhat irregular, has steadily improved, and that although oversights and discrepancies have occasionally occurred, such has not been the case in any matter of importance; whilst at the present time the financial affairs of the Lodge are in good health, and the books being kept in the most careful and painstaking manner. The membership has not increased largely during the period mentioned, there having been ten applications for initiation, two of which were rejected. Charity has not by any means been forgotten, and Grand Lodge dues have been paid to date.

The occasion of this visit was the night of regular communication.

Thursday, 12th of May, inst., accompanied by an enthusiastic member of "Unity," I drove to Chester, about 25 miles distant, and visited "Clarke Lodge, No. 61." This was an emergent meeting previously arranged.

I was much pained to find Masonry at a very low ebb here, the Lodge being kept together by a small number of faithful adherents who, in spite of all drawbacks and vicissitudes, stand steadily together. The building in which their meetings are held is the property of the Lodge, subject to indebtedness of about

\$900.00, and their Lodge Room one of which they otherwise might well feel proud. One of their greatest troubles is in connection with collection of dues, which in many cases have been allowed to accumulate, and the consequent disinclination of those in arrears to attend the Communication. Respecting this matter I most strenuously urged decisive action, tempered by the circumstances of each case.

I found that the books, although showing an evident desire upon the part of officers to do so, have not been kept in a proper manner, and also that irregularities and improprieties in procedure happen not unfrequently.

Endeavouring plainly to explain and point out the same and the mode of future procedure, I received the assurance that attention would be given to suggestions, and that Grand Lodge dues, two years in arrears, would be sent forward in full. We were indeed loth to part from these warm hearted brethren, and their troubles.

May 16th, inst., I drove to Milton, Queen's County, about 40 miles distant, for the purpose of visiting "Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 29," having arranged with the secretary and a Past Master thereof, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Lunenburg a few days previously, to confer with the W. M., and see that an emergent meeting was called for the evening of that day, a commission which I was pleased to find on arrival there, had resulted as desired.

Almost without exception, I received from the brethren of this Lodge, the warmest fraternal greeting. Being comparatively a stranger there, I particularly appreciated the kind attentions of the secretary Bro. S. Freeman, and of Bro. Rupert Freeman, who seemed determined that I should see all the places of interest, and introduced me to many of their friends. The building in which they meet is the property of the Lodge, well adapted to its purposes, and paid for.

Notwithstanding the back dues trouble, which has here become chronic, by reason in a great measure of long continued business depression, they are financially solid, and in this respect square with the world and Grand Lodge. They keep a good set of books, the work of the late secretary being particularly neat, an example which the present young incumbent of that office is faithfully endeavouring to imitate, but as neatness is not the only requisite, so a careful review thereof, necessitated the pointing out of frequent irregularities, the result not so much of inefficiency as of want of due care, to say nothing of their proceedings having passed uncriticised by anyone from without since the last visit of D. D. G. M. Ruhland (Jan. 14th, 1884), to the want of which many of the brethren themselves referred, whilst evincing a strong desire to receive all the information and suggestions I could offer. The attendance of officers particularly has been good, and the Lodge, although charitably inclined, is some \$130.00 in funds.

Application has recently been made for the issue of a dispensation to a proposed new Lodge ("Eldorado") at Caledonia corner, the same appearing to have been well recommended.

On the following day, May 17th, inst., accompanied by Bro. Freeman, secy., I proceeded to Liverpool, about two miles distant, where for the first time I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. R. McLeod, Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 9,

who informed me that the brethren had been duly summoned for the evening, to meet whom, having called upon me, he subsequently accompanied me. The secretary was not at home on my arrival, but all books were at once furnished for inspection.

This Lodge, once in so flourishing a condition, is at the present time I am sorry to say, in just the opposite state ; the financial troubles of which Liverpool has so especially been the scene, and the heavy loss sustained at the burning of their Masonic temple, having had a most disastrous and lasting effect, from which there does not as yet appear a premonitory symptom even, of recovery. Although the existence of the Lodge is persistently preserved by the indomitable perseverance of a few loyal spirits, its impoverished condition, and the general non-payment of dues, keep them continually in debt, both at home and to Grand Lodge, If in the latter connection, a clean sheet were presented them, Grand Lodge would I think be making a virtue of necessity, and charity be judiciously dispensed. This, without establishing a dangerous criterion, as the circumstances are exceptional.

Disheartened, as they are, I was not surprised to find their proceedings, as appearing from the records, often lax and irregular, whilst the regret manifested at the position, aroused my warmest sympathy, particularly for the W. M. and his officers, whose task is neither an easy nor a pleasant one.

At this meeting I was pleased to see the secretary and Bro. Nathan Freeman, P. M., of the Milton Lodge.

This completed my round.

In the foregoing report, I have refrained from entering into the details of matters, to which I have taken exception in the different Lodges. If, however, the proposed resolution by R. W. Bro. D. C. Moore, respecting the amendment of the appendix to printed proceedings, be adopted by Grand Lodge, I should at any time be glad to furnish a statement of the points taken, in order that in the preparation of the proposed forms of minutes, &c., such attention may be accorded thereto, as they may seem to merit, a course which if pursued by the different District Deputies, would in my opinion by presenting as a whole the difficulties observed in the different sections, afford much information from which many practical benefits might accrue.

In conclusion, I beg to apologize for the length of this report, trusting however that the time which has elapsed since the Lodges of this District have been heard from may be considered in palliation of the offence.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. OWEN,

D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 5.

Lunenburg, May, 1887.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., M. W. Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:—

I beg to present the following report of my official duties, in District No. 7.

All the Lodges in the District have been visited officially, excepting Keith, No. 23, which, owing to my absence from home, I regret I have been unable to visit. I am however informed that it is in a very healthy and satisfactory condition.

I visited officially, during the month of January, New Caledonia, Curren, and Hudson Lodges, also, Albion and Western Star Lodges, in April; and on examining the books of these Lodges, I found them well and correctly kept, and the work well conducted, which reflects great credit on their officers.

It gives me very great pleasure to report, that Masonry in this District has made great progress during the past year. All the Lodges are prosperous, and with one exception meet in their own Halls.

I beg to thank the brethren through the jurisdiction, for the kindness shown me in my visitations.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS TANNER,

D. D. G. M.

Pictou, May, 1887.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ARICHA, 25th May, 1887.

Benj. Curren, Esq., D. C. L., Grand Secretary.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

I very much regret I am not in a position to forward you a report of "Official work" from this District for the past term, to be submitted to the annual meeting now near at hand. It was my intention to have made my "Circuits" during the summer months, but when that season approached I found that in almost every locality a large number of the Brethren would be absent, and that meetings would be uncertain,—or, at least, but thinly attended, consequently I determined to postpone my visitations till the winter season. Just as the appointed time arrived, I had an unexpected call away from home on urgent business, and I have thus been unable to make my official visit as contemplated, in time to report at the approaching annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

I have, however, conversed with the Masters of several Lodges in the District, who give a favorable account of their charges, and report matters to be working in full harmony.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

W. R. CUTLER,

D. D. G. M., Dist. No. 8.

NINTH DISTRICT.

To Lewis Johnstone, Esq., M. D., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia :—

I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties in District No. 9.

April 5th,—Visited Thistle Lodge, No. 36, Cow Bay, and was received by a goodly number of the Brethren.

The Lodge appears to be in a healthy condition and has done considerable work during the year. All the regular meetings have been held, besides several emergencies for conferring degrees.

The attendance of officers and members has been good, with frequently a number of visiting brethren.

The Lodge has about \$1,000 invested in the building in which the meetings are held, besides a respectable cash balance. An examination of the records previous to meeting the Lodge shewed that the secretary is a careful, painstaking officer, faithfully recording all the proceedings of the Lodge.

The Lodge room is not very suitable for the purpose, being used as a school room as well as for Lodge meetings. There is a probability of the Lodge selling the building to the school board, in which case the Lodge will probably provide more suitable accommodation.

On the same evening, April 5th, I visited Morien Lodge, No. 55, and was cordially welcomed, the newly installed W. M., R. A. MacKee, presiding.

This Lodge, although small in numbers, is composed of excellent material, and notwithstanding the depressed state of the coal trade on which Cow Bay is wholly dependant, the Lodge is very sanguine of better times. The brethren all speak hopefully of the future, feeling sure they have passed the lowest point on Fortune's Wheel and the Lodge is now moving upward.

The records are fairly kept, but I suggested some fuller details which the secretary promised would be attended to. The Lodge has a very neat room, well furnished, and an organ besides, but unfortunately for the Lodge the room which until recently was used as a Lodge room only is now occupied as a school-room as well as a Lodge room, and the Lodge is put to the inconvenience of removing the furniture for every meeting.

The Lodge is free from debt and has a respectable cash surplus. As the utmost good feeling exists between the two Lodges of this place they may possibly unite their means and provide themselves with a Lodge room of their own. I was pleased to see by the records that the Past Masters are very regular in their attendance and in this respect the example of Past Master Charles Archibald is highly commendable and well worthy of imitation. Past Master A. Belloni, who was also present and in the best of spirits, I regret to say, has since been suddenly removed by death. His loss will be severely felt by the Lodge which can ill afford

to lose so energetic a member. His death will also be much regretted by the community in which he was highly esteemed.

April 6th I visited Tyrian Youth Lodge, No. 45, Little Glace Bay, and met a large number of the craft. The records which I examined previous to the meeting are neatly and accurately kept and reflect much credit on the secretary.

This Lodge has had some financial difficulties which resulted in the loss of quite a large sum invested in the Lodge building, and fears that the property would be lost were at one time entertained, but I am pleased to learn that a satisfactory settlement has been made and the debt due (less than \$500) is to be paid off by easy instalments. The brethren feel much encouraged and are hopeful of a successful future. The Lodge is adding good material to its membership.

I witnessed the conferring of the second degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, after which, assisted by Past Masters McQuarrie and Blackett, I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

On the 16th of May, I visited at its regular meeting, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19. A large number of the craft assembled to meet me. This being my mother Lodge which I am in the habit of meeting regularly, I did not deem a very rigid inspection necessary. The Lodge however fully sustains the reputation it has long enjoyed of everything it does, being well done.

I must confess, however, that the attendance is not so good as the locality ought to warrant.

This I have no doubt is a good deal owing to the want of better accommodation. The Lodge is strong financially, and an effort is being made to build a new Lodge room, to be owned by the Lodge, which if successful will, I feel assured, contribute largely to the success of the order in this town; I installed the newly elected officers, who I have no doubt will make a good record for the coming year.

On the 17th, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, Sydney, at the regular meeting, and was very kindly received, by a full attendance. The records are kept in excellent style by the worthy secretary. In reading over the minutes for a couple of years back, I noticed applications had been rejected by the Lodge from parties, whom others, as well as myself, considered very desirable subjects. I took the occasion to say to the Lodge, that although every member had the undoubted right to vote as he pleased, the ballot was intended solely for the protection of the Lodge and should not be used for the gratification of personal animosities.

St. Andrew's is without doubt the banner Lodge of the District, being strong financially, strong in numbers and strong in having so many solid influential men in its ranks.

I witnessed the conferring of the second degree, by Past Master D. Matheson (the secretary) which he did in a masterly manner, after which Past Master B. McKittrick gave the third degree to a candidate, and my appreciation of the manner in which this degree was conferred cannot be better expressed than by saying that it would have done credit to the late lamented Past Master, C. Crewe-Read,

whose skill in conferring degrees, was too well known to require any eulogy from me.

Some of the brethren of Royal Albert Lodge accompanied me on this occasion, and we all returned to our homes highly delighted with the pleasures of the evening.

I visited St. Mark's Lodge No. 35, Baddeck, on the 25th, and although the notice was short, and many of the members live at a considerable distance from town, a very respectable number assembled.

I examined the records, which are fairly kept, but as the secretary had not kept a full record of all the members who attended each meeting I could not ascertain the attendance from the minutes.

I pointed out the necessity of being more particular in this respect, which with other suggestions were received respectfully and amendments promised.

The Lodge has done a fair amount of work, and is in a prosperous state. The new hall owned by the Lodge, is, including the furniture, worth about \$2,000.

The Lodge room is above and a public hall on the ground floor. The revenue derived from the public hall will, it is expected, pay off the debt on the property, and as it is the only public hall in the place the revenue should be considerable.

As the regular boat running to Whycocomagh is not yet on the Lakes, I could not arrange to visit Sircom Lodge before meeting of Grand Lodge, but I purpose visiting this Lodge at its next regular meeting. All the other Lodges in the District have been visited, and the outlook is I believe encouraging for the future.

As the Deputy Grand Master in his official report of his visitations in Cape Breton, referred to the dispensations of charity, I made particular inquiries on this subject, and was informed that all deserving calls are responded to. I may mention a case which recently came before Royal Albert Lodge. An application was made on behalf of the widow of a member of the Lodge, and instead of using the Lodge funds a subscription was started among the members and the sum of \$45 contributed. I suggested the advisability of having a record of the way in which this application had been treated.

In concluding my report I beg to tender my thanks to the Lodges in the District for their very kind receptions: also to the individual brethren whose hospitalities were extended to me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. PROCTOR,

D. D. G. M., District No. 9.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *June 1st. 1887.*

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, M. D., Grand Master, presiding.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

MOTION TO REDUCE THE ANNUAL DUES NOT
AGREED TO.

Pursuant to notice given at the last Annual Communication, the resolution to amend chapter 17 of the Constitution was moved and seconded as follows:—

“Resolved, That the annual dues for each member be 50 cents instead of 75 as at present.”

This resolution, on being put to vote, was declared lost, a very large majority voting against it.

MOTIONS TO AMEND WITHDRAWN.

The following notices of motion had been given to the Grand Secretary three months prior to this meeting of Grand Lodge, and submitted by him to the Subordinate Lodges for their consideration at the regular communications in May:—

By R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, Halifax, as follows:—

I will move to amend Section 10, Chapter I of the Constitution, so that in future it shall read: “The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held at noon on the first Wednesday in June in each year; and at such place as shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the members present at each preceding Annual Communication.”

By R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Stellarton, as follows:—

I will move to amend the 12th and 13th lines of Section 2 of Chapter 7 of the

Constitution, so that they shall read: "to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all members suspended for unmasonic conduct or expelled."

Both of these amendments were moved by their proposers and duly seconded, but after some discussion were withdrawn by consent of Grand Lodge.

The object of the last proposed amendment, by R. W. Bro. Moore, was to omit from publication the names of those suspended for *non-payment*: the clause of Chapter 7, referred to, remains therefore unchanged, as follows:..

"To publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge, the names of all suspended or expelled masons."

RESOLUTION *re*, FORMS OF NOTICES.

Pursuant to notice given, the following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, and adopted:—

Resolved, That the Appendix in the printed Proceedings shall contain forms of notices, touching funerals, non-payment of dues, and such others as shall be recommended by a committee to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master; and that the forms for taking minutes originally published with the Constitution be re-published year by year in the Proceedings, with such alterations as Grand Lodge may direct.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, from the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report which was read, and on motion of R. W. Bro. L. B. Archibald, received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia:

The Committee on Finance and Audit respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers, &c., of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the past year, and find them all correct.

The bal. per Grand Treas., 28th May, 1886, was.....	\$ 768 76
Receipts of Grand Lodge (see G. Secretary's report.)	2615 00
	<u>\$3383 76</u>

Payments on ordinary account, viz :

Repairing G. Master's Jewel	\$ 00 50
Amount voted to Bro. John Power of Widow's Son Lodge from Benevolent Fund.....	20 00
Tyling, Estate J. Martin	15 00
Funeral of late Grand Tyler.....	60 47
Discount on cheques.....	2 22
Directory 2.50, Stationery 8.06	10 56
Postage 31.50, P. O. Box 4.00.....	35 50
Advertising bills.....	17 75
Printing Sundries	42 25
“ Proceedings	231 50
Representatives' Expenses.....	301 31
Grand Sect. balance for 1886.....	100 00
“ “ Salary for 1887.....	600 00
	<u>————\$1437 06</u>

Payments on Freemasons' Hall account, viz :

Janitor, for attendance, &c.....	\$ 10 50
Janitor	233 48
	<u>243 98</u>
Insurance premiums.....	159 80
City taxes, \$64.00 ; Water rates, \$67.50.....	131 50
Interest to Brookfield	\$ 23 00
“ on Mortgage	1320 00
“ on Debentures.....	443 20
“ on advances.....	9 60
	<u>1795 80</u>
Repairs.....	\$ 210 25
Gas	178 60
Fuel	154 00
Wheelbarrow	4 50
	<u>\$2878 43</u>
Rents collected	1487 00
	<u>————1391 43</u>
	<u>2828 49</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands, May 24th, 1887...	<u>\$555 27</u>

CURRENT ASSETS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$ 555 27
Unpaid dues, &c., as per returns, viz :—	
No. 2. St. John's	\$ 39 50
3. Virgin	55 50
8. Acacia	62 50
9. Zetland, about 3 years	121 50
12. Hiram.....	50 00
14. Acadia..	53 00
	<u>————</u>
Carried forward.....	\$ 382 00

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$382 00	\$555 27
15.	Athole	36 00	
17.	Keith	50 25	
19.	Royal Albert	38 25	
28.	Scotia	23 25	
30.	Albert, 6 years	207 50	
32.	Eldorado	20 25	
38.	Lodge of St. Mark	39 00	
45.	Tyrian Youth up to 1886	58 75	
48.	Widow's Son	14 25	
52.	Harmony	65 00	
55.	Morien	39 25	
61.	Clarke	26 50	
72.	Eastern Light	35 75	
74.	North Star	38 00	
75.	Wimburn	14 25	1088 25

Estimated unpaid dues of Lodges which have not sent in returns :—

No. 24.	Concord	say 20 00	
45.	Tyrian Youth	say 30 00	
46.	Solomon	say 15 00	
53.	Hiram	say 16 00	
56.	Harmony	say 25 00	
76.	Wimburn for 1886	say 14 00	\$120 00
			\$1763 52

Rents Freemasons' Hall unpaid to date :—

No. 1.	St. Andrew's Lodge, ½ year	\$ 50 00	
2.	St. John's " ½ year	50 00	
14.	Acadia " ½ year	50 00	
15.	Athol " 1 year	100 00	
18.	Union " 1 year	100 00	
38.	L. of St. Mark " ½ year	50 00	
	Royal Standard Lodge ½ year	50 00	
	Royal Union Chapter 1 year	100 00	
	St. Andrew's Chapter 1 year	100 00	
	Knights Templar 1 year	50 00	
	Rose Croix 1 year	40 00	740 00
			2503 52
Less Coupons unpaid, estimated		125 00	
" Probable losses in dues say		400 00	525 00
			\$1978 52

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

E. J. MAHON,

W. L. BROWN,

Finance Committee.

HALIFAX, May 24th, 1887.

MASONIC BURIAL SERVICE.

W. Bro. A. E. Curren, offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. T. B. Crosby :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of preparing a Masonic Burial Service, for use in this jurisdiction.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Robert S. Masters :

“ That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole matter of Ritual, with reference to Burial Service, Ceremony of laying Corner Stones and other Ceremonies, and report at next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.”

This amendment, being seconded by R. W. Bro. S. J. Waddell and put to vote, was agreed to.

The following brethren were chosen as such Committee : Rev. D. C. Moore, Rev. F. R. Murray and Rev. J. A. Logan, on burial service ; L. B. Archibald, W. B. Alley and S. J. Waddell, on ceremonies ; W. Taylor, J. W. Laurie, W. Ross, on forms for taking minutes.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *June 2nd, 1887.*

At 9 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

PETITION FROM ALBERT LODGE.

The following petition from Albert Lodge, No. 30, was presented by the R. W. Grand Secretary :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia :

The petition of the undersigned, who are regular registered Master Masons and members of Albert Lodge, No. 30, of Shelburne, Nova Scotia:

Humbly sheweth that while we are desirous of expressing our gratitude to the Grand Lodge for favourably receiving our petition of the twenty-ninth of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and partially granting the relief prayed for therein, yet we beg leave to present this further petition for relief at your hands, requesting a full release by your Most Worshipful Lodge, of all claims against Albert Lodge for arrearage of our dues.

The grounds set forth in our petition of last year are just as available to us now, as then, and constitute the basis of our present appeal to your leniency, and we beg to refer you to said petition, while our present prayer is under your consideration.

The cloud of financial depression that has long hung over us has not yet lifted; but if we are relieved of our present burdens we will have every confidence in the future of this Lodge, and believe that it can do much towards the material advancement of Masonic interests in this County.

We would also bring to your notice that while this Lodge has been duly represented at general conventions of your Most Worshipful Lodge, in almost all instances our representatives have never drawn upon your funds for expenses of travel, and that this Lodge in that particular has never been a burden to your Most Worshipful Lodge.

JOHN BOWER, W. M.
GEORGE K. HINES, S. W.
EDWARD A. BOWER, J. W.
C. WHITE, *Sec'y.*

SHELBURNE, May 18th, 1887.

Referring to the above petition to be relieved from all indebtedness to Grand Lodge, the following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, seconded by the Rev. Bro. S. Gibbons, and adopted :—

“ *Resolved*, That Albert Lodge, No. 30, Shelburne, be relieved of all arrears of dues to June, 1887.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. D. C. Moore, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee which you have appointed to consider the address of the M. W. Grand Master (Lewis Johnstone, M. D.), feel confident that you will agree with them in the opinion that that document is not only a most satisfactory account of an industrious year of office, but also a paper of the highest literary merit.

The allusions to our present most enjoyable visit to Truro, are conceived in the happiest vein ; while the proposal that Public Worship of the G. A. O. T. U., should henceforth, when practicable, become part of the duties of our Annual Grand Communication, will (your Committee earnestly hopes), be cordially endorsed by this M. W. G. L. as “in strict accord with our teachings and principles, which cannot fail to have a salutary effect in educating the public mind, as to the character of the aims and aspirations of our Masonic Institution.”

The hearty applause which greeted the remarks of the Grand Master upon the proposed celebration by us of the jubilee of our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, leave no doubt upon the minds of the members of your Committee, that it is the will of the Grand Lodge, that in every possible way the Masonic Craft in Nova Scotia should testify to their most heartfelt love for the person of our unequalled Monarch and our loyalty to the throne of Great Britain, &c.

Your Committee are sure that the M. W. Grand Lodge will rejoice that the Grand Master is able to report that “our fraternal relations with the grand lodges have not, during the past year been marred by any untoward event.”

It cannot be a question but that Grand Lodge will (according to the G. Master's suggestion) direct that memorial pages in the next issue of “Proceedings,” be awarded to our illustrious brethren at rest—R. W. Past Grand Wardens, Nathan Tupper and Henry C. D. Twining, eminent and lamented members of this Grand Lodge.

That the M. W. G. M. should be received in the most cordial manner at all his numerous visitations to subordinate lodges, is only what that distinguished officer had a right to expect—but is at the same time (your committee feel sure), highly gratifying to every member of grand lodge.

Your Committee are confident the Grand Lodge will feel grateful to the M. W. Grand Master for his action in refusing to grant permission to use the Masonic title on occasions which are not strictly Masonic—and will put their stamp of hearty approval on the Grand Master's words that “the use of masonic emblems”

or of the word "Masonic" or of the expression "under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge," in connection with any advertisement of a celebration, banquet, excursion, or any demonstration that is not essentially masonic in character—or authorized by the Grand Master or his representatives, is improper and should not be permitted.

Your Committee see no reason to doubt that the M. W. G. Lodge will heartily endorse all the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, given during the past year.

Grand Lodge has already taken action on the question of "Suspension for Arrearages," therefore no remarks are called for from your Committee.

Your Committee highly approve and trust that Grand Lodge will endorse the Grand Master's suggestion to appoint a Committee for the Consolidation of the Constitution by making the "standing regulations, &c.," published yearly as addenda in our Proceedings, part and parcel of our Constitution, so far as they are consistent with that Constitution.

That the R. W. Grand Secretary should receive the honorary distinction suggested by the M. W. Grand Master, will, your Committee feel certain, meet with the most cordial endorsement from every member of Grand Lodge. The position of Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master would have been that of R. W. Bro. Curren long ago, but for his own modesty; and the only regret your Committee feel in the matter, is that so industrious, courteous and praiseworthy an officer cannot, through our narrow circumstances, receive a more tangible and profitable testimonial from Grand Lodge of their appreciation of his many excellent qualities, and as the hardest worked officer of our M. W. Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. MOORE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
L. B. ARCHIBALD,	
T. A. COSSMANN,	

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Porter, and unanimously

Resolved, That the official decisions, appointments of Grand Representatives, and other suggestions and recommendations of the M. W. Grand Master as contained in his Annual Address be approved by Grand Lodge, and that the Report of the Committee thereon just read be received and adopted.

HONORARY AND PAST RANK CONFERRED.

In consequence of the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master expressed in his address and the adoption of the Report of the Committee and resolution thereon, recommending the same, honorary rank is conferred as follows:—

That of Past Deputy Grand Master on R. W. Bro. Benj. Curren, P. S. G. W. and G. Secretary.

That of Past Dist. Deputy Grand Master on the following brethren, the date showing the termination of the two years' service as Dist. Deputy :

R. W. Augustus Robinson	1880
R. W. Thomas B. Flint.....	1881
R. W. Charles J. Townshend.....	1882
R. W. J. R. Wyman.....	1883
R. W. J. B. Black.....	1884
R. W. John W. Ruhland	1885
R. W. Thomas B. Crosby.....	1885
R. W. Luther B. Archibald.....	1886
R. W. Henry S. Jost.....	1886
R. W. William R. Cutler.....	1887
R. W. Thomas Tanner..	1887
R. W. Henry E. Jefferson.....	1887

PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE AT CALEDONIA, QUEEN'S CO.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges against our respective names,

HUMBLY SHEWETH, That your petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regularly constituted Lodge ;

We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at Caledonia, by the name and title of Eldorado, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge, and recommend and propose the following to be first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz. :

SYDNEY CHUTE	Worshipful Master.
ROBIE F. TELFER	Sen. Warden.
THOMAS TELFER.....	Jun. Warden.
M. F. DOUGLAS	Treasurer.
WILLIAM H. COLE.....	Secretary.
WM. B. HARLOW.....	Sen. Deacon.
CHARLES HARLOW .. .	Jun. Deacon.
JOSEPH PATTERSON.....	Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY CHUTE, Prince of Wales Lodge.
 CHARLES HARLOW, "
 ROBIE F. TELFER, "
 M. F. DOUGLAS, "
 WILLIAM H. COLE, "
 WM. T. FREEMAN, "
 JOSEPH PATTERSON, "
 THOMAS TELFER,
 THOMAS HUNT,
 RICHARD HUNT,
 WILLIAM B. HARLOW,
 JAMES B. HUNT.

This petition being recommended by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 29, Milton, and being accompanied by a certificate that the Master and Wardens named therein are fully competent to discharge the duties required of them,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, and

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted; that a dispensation be issued establishing a Lodge U. D. at Caledonia, Queen's County, to be named ——— Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary, by command of G. Lodge, request the petitioners to select another name than that of Eldorado, there being already a Lodge of that name in the Jurisdiction.

JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

R. W. Bros. Ross and Curren, appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, in March last, to act with the public committee *re* Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, reported their doings

as members of said committee, when, on motion of Bro. Rev. S. Gibbons, the following were appointed a committee to prepare an address to Her Majesty, on the occasion of her Jubilee :

M. W. MAJOR-GEN. J. WIMBURN LAURIE, Past Grand Master.

R. W. REV. DAVID C. MOORE, Past Deputy Grand Master, G. Chaplain.

R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN, Past Dep. Grand Master, G. Secy.

BAND EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY GRAND LODGE.

Referring to the excellent music of the Truro Brass Band, furnished by the brethren of Truro Lodge, yesterday, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Curren, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Trenaman, and unanimously

Resolved, That the brethren of Truro Lodge, No. 43, be relieved of all expense in connection with the services of the Band in attending the procession to and from St. John's Church, yesterday, and that the same be paid by Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE PUBLISHED.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish a sufficient number of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year; to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge; and to include under each Lodge heading, in addition to its Officers and Past Masters, the names of all other subscribing members.

VOTES OF THANKS

Were tendered as follows :

On motion of R. W. Bro. William Ross,—

To TRURO LODGE for the very handsome and generous reception given by them to the members of Grand Lodge at the banquet last evening.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore,—

To the Vicar and Wardens of St. John's Church for the use of the Church yesterday, in which to hold Divine Service, as also to R. W. Bro. S. Porter, Grand Organist, and the choir who so ably assisted him in rendering the musical portion of the service.

On motion of M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie,—

To R. W. Bro. Rev. David C. Moore, Grand Chaplain, for the able and instructive discourse delivered by him before Grand Lodge in St. John's Church.

PAST SERVICES RECOGNIZED.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. J. McDonald,—

It was resolved to present at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge Past Grand Master's Jewels to M. W. Bros. J. W. Laurie and William Taylor, in recognition of eminent services rendered by them to Grand Lodge; and the following brethren were named a Committee to procure said Jewels: R. W. Bro. William Ross, and R. W. Bro. C. J. McDonald.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion to amend the Constitution at the next Annual Communication were given as follows:—

By W. Bro. James H. Reid, of Western Star Lodge, No. 50,

“I will move to amend Section 38, Chapter xiv., of the Constitution, so that in future it shall read: A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may by vote of the Lodge be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, and that such can be a member of the Grand Lodge.”

“I will move to amend Section 10, Chapter 14, of the Constitution, so that in future it shall read: The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held at noon on the second Wednesday in June in each year; and at such place as shall be decided upon by a majority vote of the members present at each preceding Annual Communication.”

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The ordinary work of Grand Lodge having been disposed of, the election of officers for the ensuing year came next in the order of business; and tellers being appointed, the election was held, and the following brethren were declared duly elected:—

M. W. Lewis Johnstone, ...	Grand Master.
R. W. John W. Ruhland, ...	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. Medley Townshend, ...	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Robert S. Masters, ...	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. James Dempster, ...	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren, ...	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Samuel J. Waddell, ...	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. David C. Moore, ...	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. Charles Bowman, ...	do.
R. W. Rev. Henry D. deBlois, ...	do.
R. W. Rev. Francis Partridge, ...	do.
R. W. Rev. John A. Logan, ...	do.
R. W. Rev. T. B. Layton, ...	do.
R. W. Rev. Frederick R. Murray, ...	do.
V. W. W. H. Gibson, ...	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. William S. Macdonald, ...	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. William Williams, ...	G. Sup. of Works.
V. W. Richard L. Black, ...	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Joseph Andrews, ...	G. Sword Bearer.
V. W. Samuel Porter, ...	Grand Organist.
V. W. John Daley, ...	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Thomas G. McDonald, ...	Grand Steward.
V. W. Alexander Harris, ...	do.
V. W. J. H. Bentley, ...	do.
V. W. Thomas Higgs, ...	do.
V. W. W. Zwicker, ...	do.
V. W. J. D. McDonald, ...	do.
V. W. J. J. McKeil, ...	Grand Tyler.

TRUSTEES ELECTED.

On motion, the following brethren were elected Trustees of Freemasons' Hall for the ensuing year, in addition to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, appointed by Section 26, Chapter 2, of the Constitution :

W. CROWE,
A. E. CURREN,
R. T. ROOME,
W. HOLLOWAY,
W. TAYLOR,
T. D. SPIKE,
W. WILLIAMS,
J. W. HECKMAN,
P. E. MCKERROW
W. V. MURRAY.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of Officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. T. R. Harris, installed the following Grand Officers elect, after which due proclamation thereof was made by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor, in the East, and R. W. Bro. C. J. McDonald, in the West and South :

M. W. Lewis Johnstone.....	Grand Master.
R. W. John W. Ruhland	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. Medley Townshend.	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Robert S. Masters	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. James Dempster	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren.	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Samuel J. Waddell.	Grand Lecturer.

R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. T. B. Layton	“ “
V. W. W. H. Gibson.	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. William S. Macdonald	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. William Williams.....	Grand Sup. of Works.
R. W. Richard L. Black	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Joseph Andrews.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Samuel Porter	Grand Organist.
V. W. John Daley.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. T. G. McDonald	Grand Steward.
V. W. J. H. Bentley.....	“ “
V. W. J. D. McDonald.....	“ “
V. W. J. J. McKeil	Grand Tyler.

APPOINTMENTS.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

C. J. Macdonald, A. E. Curren, W. H. Sterns.

On Constitution and Regulations.

T. A. Cossmann, J. W. Ruhland, J. Farquhar.

On Grievances and Appeals.

W. F. MacCoy, I. S. Sanford, S. A. Hancock.

On Finance and Audit.

W. Taylor, E. T. Mahon, W. L. Brown.

On Foreign Correspondence.

Rev. D. C. Moore, Hon. J. W. Longley, M.A., Rev. C. W. McCully, B.A.

On Charters.

George Taylor, W. Collins, T. G. McDonald.

On Library & Reading Room.

B. Curren, J. Gossip, J. H. Bentley.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District	R. W. Thomas Trenaman, M.D.	Halifax.
Second District . .	R. W. J. P. Chipman	Kentville.
Third District . . .	R. W. E. E. Tupper	Bear River.
Fourth District . .	R. W. N. W. White	Shelburne.
Fifth District	R. W. D. M. Owen	Lunenburg.
Sixth District	R. W. Rev. Chas. Bowman, D.D.	Parrsboro'.
Seventh District . .	R. W. J. A. Gordon	Pictou.
Eighth District . .	R. W. A. McDonald	Sherbrooke.
Ninth District . . .	R. W. W. Proctor	Sydney, C. B.

No further business appearing, after the singing of the National Anthem, the usual ceremonies, and prayer by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Communication at Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June, A. D., 1888, at 12 o'clock, noon.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Held to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

A Special Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 22, 1887.

PRESENT:

M. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE	Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON	as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ROBERT S. MASTERS	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. THOMAS TRENAMAN	Dist. Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN P. CHIPMAN	“ “
R. W. JAMES DEMPSTER	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJ. CURREN	Grand Secretary.
R. W. HENRY E. JEFFERSON	as Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. DAVID C. MOORE	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. FREDERICK R. MURRAY	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. W. II. GIBSON	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JOHN SUTHERLAND	as Junior Grand Deacon.

V. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS	.....	G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. RICHARD L. BLACK	.....	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. ANGUS McLEOD	.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. SAMUEL PORTER	.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. T. G. McDONALD	.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. J. H. BENTLEY	.....	" "
V. W. J. J. McKEIL	.....	Grand Tyler.

ADDITIONAL.

R. W. JOHN F. McDONALD	....	} .....	Grand Bible Bearers.
R. W. THOMAS R. HARRIS	....		
BRO. W. J. PATTERSON		}	Grand Standard Bearers.
BRO. J. A. GREEN			

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. J. WIMBURN LAURIE	.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR	.....	do.
R. W. THEODORE A. COSSMANN	.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES F. COCHRAN	.....	do.
R. W. GEORGE T. SMITHERS	.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES GOSSIP	.....	do.
R. W. THOMAS R. HARRIS	.....	do.
R. W. WILLIAM HOLLOWAY	.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN F. McDONALD	.....	do.
R. W. RICHARD L. BLACK	.....	do.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST MASTERS.

ST. ANDREW S.	.....	No. 1	Edmund T. Mahon, W. M.
			Fritz William Harley, J. W.
			James Dempster, P. M.
			Samuel Porter, P. M.
			Thomas Trenaman, P. M.
ST. JOHN'S	.....	" 2	William L. Brown, W. M.
			H. McDonald, S. W.
			W. Meadows, J. W.
			J. Wimburn Laurie, P. M.
			John Lawlor, P. M.
			A. E. Curren, P. M.
			L. D. Wier, P. M.
			William Ingles, P. M.

VIRGIN	No. 3....	Rev. Frederick R. Murray, W. M. P. Carteret Hill, S. W. Rev. Clarence W. McCully, J. W. William A. Hesson, P. M. Richard T. Roome, P. M. Benj. Curren, P. M. James Gossip, P. M. Charles E. Puttner, P. M. Alexander Stephen, P. M. Rev. Francis Partridge, P. M. Clarence J. Spike, P. M.
ROYAL SUSSEX.....	" 6....	J. H. Bentley, W. M. A. Mumford, S. W. M. C. Mumford, J. W. William Holloway, P. M. Horatio B. Sellon, P. M.
BURNS.....	" 10....	John A. Hancock, W. M. Adam McKay, S. W. W. E. Taylor, J. W. William Taylor, P. M. Alexander Waddell, P. M. James Fortune, P. M. John Ellis, P. M. D. C. Grant, P. M. J. C. Lloy, P. M.
ACADIA.....	" 14. .	George Taylor, W. M. George J. Harris, S. W. John Snow, J. W. John Sutherland, P. M. Angus McLeod, P. M. John W. Ruhland, P. M. J. J. McKiel, P. M. T. G. Creelman, P. M.
ATHOLE.....	" 15....	Israel S. Sanford, W. M. Hedley V. McKay, J. W. William Williams, P. M. Benjamin H. Landis, P. M.
KEITH.....	" 17....	J. Farquhar, W. M. F. A. Warner, S. W. Walter Peverill, J. W. William McNally, P. M. John Quiglay, P. M. James A. Smith, P. M.

UNION	No. 18.	T. G. McDonald, W. M. C. T. Dixon, S. W. J. Flint, J. W. P. E. McKerrow, P. M. William B. Thomas, P. M. Charles F. Biddle, P. M. William J. Chearnley, P. M. T. G. D. Scotland, P. M. Thomas Arthur, P. M. John L. French, P. M.
LODGE OF ST. MARK... "	38....	William Collins, W. M. George T. Smithers, P. M. T. A. Cossmann, P. M. William V. Murray, P. M. James A. Adams, P. M. W. H. Gibson, P. M.
ROTHSAY	" 41....	William Forsyth, P. M.
TRURO	" 43....	C. F. W. Bell, W. M.
EASTERN STAR.....	" 51....	William H. Sterns, W. M. James Haliday, P. M.
HARMONY	" 52....	T. R. Harris, P. M. Henry E. Jefferson, P. M. Hartley S. Jacques, P. M.
KENTVILLE.....	" 58....	H. S. Dodge, S. W. J. P. Chipman, P. M. R. S. Masters, P. M.
CURREN.....	" 68....	John F. McDonald, P. M.
WIMBURN.....	" 75....	J. H. Treen, P. M.

Together with a large number of the brethren from the City and Dartmouth Lodges, and from Lodges in other parts of the Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 9 o'clock, A. M.

OBJECT OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Master informed the brethren present that he had summoned this Special Communication for the purpose stated in the summonses issued by his order to the members of Grand Lodge, and as shown also in the following advertisement which had appeared for sometime past in the newspapers of this city :—

GOD : SAVE : THE : QUEEN !



A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST
WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Will be held at

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX,

—ON—

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1887,

AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

For the purpose of Celebrating the

Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge, a procession will be formed and proceed to St. Paul's Church, where Divine Service will be held and a sermon preached by the Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton, Past Deputy Grand Master and Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master fraternally requests a full attendance of the members of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction on that occasion.

COSTUME—Black clothes, black silk hat, white gloves and white necktie, with blue Lodge regalia.

Brethren from abroad will please bring their regalia with them.

Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templars and members of the Scottish Rite are cordially invited to join Grand Lodge in doing honor to the celebration.

By order of M. W.

Bro. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M. D., Stellarton,
Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia.

Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, June 13, 1887.

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary.*

A procession, consisting of the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges with visiting brethren, Scottish Rite Masons, the officers and companions of Royal Union and St. Andrew's, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and the officers and members of Grand Lodge, was then formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. Richard L. Black, assisted at the request of the Grand Master by W. Bro. Arthur E. Curren, and headed by the band of the 63rd Volunteer Battalion, proceeded down Salter Street into Hollis, thence along Hollis north to George Street, up George Street to Barrington, and thence to St. Paul's Church, where Divine Service was held, and the following sermon was preached by the Rev. David C. Moore, Past Deputy Grand Master and present Grand Chaplain, from the text :

I TIM. II., 1., 2.

"I exhort that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men—for Kings and for all that are in authority."

The Chaplain General of Her Majesty's forces, Dr. Edghill (so well and favourably known in this Province) preaching on the 22nd of May last in Westminster Hall, to the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, rightly claimed Jesus Christ as a patriot ; he said " those scathing words with which our Lord rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees of His day were the passionate outburst of a Patriot's heart. His country was in bad hands, and His heart sorrowed over and rebuked their unrighteous dealing. The Volunteers saw what was their duty towards their country." We brethren although not all born in Britain may take Dr. Edghill's words to ourselves. We can see what should be our duty to our Country. It was when Christ came into *His own Country* that he spoke out as a Patriot. It is not by chance that we are born English subjects, nor is it by chance that Victoria our Queen has so well reigned over us for these 50 years.

Patriotism is a Christian duty, and it is the duty which is impressed upon us by the festivities of this Jubilee year.

We have heard old people talk of another Jubilee, and

" Sing the praise of the good old days
When George the Third was King."

But we have good cause to sing louder and longer at this Jubilee, for as was asked by a second eloquent preacher at Westminster on May 22nd, " What should be their thankfulness ? " " Britain's arms had extended and she had added 7,000,000 of square miles to her Empire, but not for that was their thankfulness : we can find holier reasons than that—literature has lost its fulness, and used its powers for the creation of the loftiest ideals, for healthier signs within the people's life, for the purity of the throne, and for the increase of spiritual strength."

If, brethren, St. Paul in our text—teaches that " giving of thanks " should be made for kings and all that are in authority, St. Peter also teaches us to submit

ourselves unto the king as supreme "*for the Lord's sake*," and not only so, but unto governors as unto them that are sent by him.

There may be visitors amongst us whose monarch is not called King or Queen. Are they the less loyal? Nay; has not the President of the United States actually more monarchical power than our own most gracious Queen? And do our neighbors not admire our Queen? Nearly 30 years ago in New York, on St. George's Day, I heard the following words from the lips of the Revd. Dr. Morgan: "Dear friends forgive me. I claim no special right to speak for you to-day. Neither by close affinities of birth or blood should I aspire to be the interpreter of your lawful pride.

"At this moment there is a heart upon Britain's ancient throne—kindred to that of David—gentler perhaps, (tho' David's heart was moulded after God's), warmer and more susceptible to every species of desert—because the heart of a woman—the heart of a wife and a mother—the heart of a Queen whose praise is in all the world—and whose benignant reign is the boast and the rejoicing of republics and monarchies alike. Oh! it is not for me to say—for my feet have never pressed the soil of Britain—what works of mercy are there performed.

"Let mercy be our common boast! Remembering our common origin, our common ties, our common church, our Book of Common Prayer, never, never let us contend for any inferior object than the spread of beneficence and peace."

Dr. Morgan spoke of Her Majesty as having the heart of the wife: it was a widowed heart—all too soon.

Our great statesman, Disraeli, wrote both of the Queen's accession and of her widowhood,—of the first he says: "In a palace, in a garden, meet scene for youth, innocence and beauty, came a voice that told the maiden she must ascend her throne! In a sweet and thrilling voice, and with a composed mien which indicates rather the absorbing sense of august duty, than an absence of emotion, the Queen announces her accession to the throne of her ancestors, and her humble hope that Divine Providence will guard over the fulfilment of her lofty trust. Fair and serene, she has the blood and beauty of the Saxon. Will it be her proud destiny at length to bear relief to suffering millions, and with that soft hand, which might inspire troubadours and guerdon knights, break the last link in the chain of Saxon thralldom?"

In 1861 the Prince Consort died. Some, caring for their trade profits more than for the Queen's grief, grumbled at her seclusion. Then D'Israeli spoke again: "We cannot conceal from ourselves that a still longer time must elapse before Her Majesty will be able to resume the performance of those public and active duties which it was once her pride and pleasure to fulfil, because they brought her in constant and immediate contact with her people. The fact is we cannot conceal from ourselves that Her Majesty is physically incapacitated from performing those duties; but it is some consolation to know that with regard to those much higher duties which Her Majesty is called upon to perform, she still performs them with a punctuality and precision which certainly have never been surpassed, and rarely equalled, by any monarch of these realms." I might stay the quotation here, but what remains is so perfect an answer to the few who look upon the Queen as simply an expensive "figure head," that I will continue. "There is not a despatch received from abroad or sent from this country abroad, which is not submitted to the Queen. The whole of the internal administration of this Country greatly depends upon the sign manual; and of our present Sovereign it may be said that her signature has never been placed to any public document of which she did not know the purpose, and of which she did not approve. Those Cabinet Councils of which you all hear and which are naturally scenes of anxious and important deliberations, are reported and communicated on their termination, by the Minister to the Sovereign, and they often call forth from her critical remarks requiring considerable attention; and I will venture to say this, that no person

likely to administer the affairs of this Country, would treat the suggestions of Her Majesty with indifference, for at this moment there is probably no person living who has such complete control over the political condition of England as the Sovereign herself. All who have served her will admit that when her Ministers have been selected by her, in deference to what she believes to be the higher interest of the State and the opinion of the Country, she gives them a complete confidence and an undeviating support."

Such words from such a source are evidence convincing. As to the matter of expense, I wish so say a word:—Germany, Turkey, Russia and Austria, all far exceed England in the cost of maintaining Royalty. The first named expending between 3 and 4 times the amount expended in England; and well expended, for what is spent is not wasted, but goes for the employment and enrichment of thousands of the people. No true patriot grudges a penny of the cost!

And Masons should be true patriots, especially English Masons. In speaking before the M. W. Grand Lodge at Truro, on the first of the month, from the words: "Love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King," I dwelt at greatest length on "Love to the brotherhood." Now I would say that the fear of God and honour of the monarch are in that passage, and in all the teachings of Holy Scripture linked together inseparably by God, and "what God has joined together let no man put asunder." When one hears a man dare to declare he is "no Queen's man," one fears for him that he will ere long cease to be God's man. Want of loyalty to the Sovereign leads to rebellion, and "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." Religion and loyalty go best hand in hand. The fear of God enforces obedience to human laws, and obedience to the laws promotes the fear of God. If we would see the way in which the governing Power can contribute to the promotion of true religion, we should look to the dear Mother Country! not only in the influence of the Church (connected as it is with the government) but in the persons of our Royal Family. A good monarch in no way promotes religion and virtue more effectually than by good example. Those who resist all other motives will have regard to the Royal example—it becomes a sort of living law to the nation. Happy are the people who can look up to the throne—as we can—for a pattern of goodness, and find the first in rank to be the first in virtue. And religion re-acts most powerfully upon the state, the fear of God is the best foundation and support of honour to the King.

We must have religion even without government; but no government can exist, or be tolerated, without religion. A nation of Atheists would be far worse than a nation of Heathens, as was proved in the dark days of France. Let the world know brethren, that we as Masons cannot be Atheists, that it is our prime principle to honor and adore the Great Architect of the Universe. We are here to-day to perform that sacred duty. Eighteen years ago I stood in this same Church and pleaded that as our Union was then consummated, brotherly love might continue. We thank God to-day that it has continued.

We thank God to-day that we have in the Mother Country as our Grand Master the Heir to the Throne.

We thank God that the slanders which have been hurled against Masons as disloyal and Atheistic are thrown back upon the slanderers by the patronage of our great, glorious and most virtuous Queen and Empress, and by the humble, reverent and heartfelt thanks we now offer for fifty years of righteous rule, to the Great King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are here to-day most gladly to give thanks according to the rule of our text, not indeed for our "King" but for one bearing the gentler title "Queen." For the Queen and Empress, not merely of Britain and Britain's dependencies, but Queen of our affections and Empress of our hearts.

May God spare her to us long, and when she leaves the throne she now adorns, may she receive a throne resplendent with perfect brightness from the face of the Great King of Kings and Lord of Lords! **JEHOVAH!**

After which the procession was reformed and marched back through Barrington, George, Hollis, Morris and Pleasant Streets, returning to the Grand Lodge Room, in Freemasons' Hall.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

M. W. Bro. Major-General J. W. Laurie, from the committee appointed at the Annual Communication, held at Truro, on the 1st and 2nd inst., to prepare an address to be presented to the Queen, submitted the following, as the address to be forwarded to Her Majesty from the Freemasons of Nova Scotia:—

We, the Freemasons of Nova Scotia, assembled in special convocation of Grand Lodge, desire to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty, to convey to you the assurance of our unalterable devotion to your royal person and throne.

We claim the privilege of thus approaching Your Majesty, as your illustrious father, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, held the high position of Provincial Grand Master in Canada, and took a very prominent part in all Masonic work during his service in this Province; and his zeal in the cause of the ancient and royal Craft is still gratefully remembered by the Freemasons of Nova Scotia, who owe much to his energy and sympathy.

From all parts of the loyal Province of Nova Scotia we have to-day specially gathered that we may proceed in procession to the church in which your royal father was accustomed to worship, when serving his country as a soldier in Halifax, and there may return our most humble and hearty thanks to the Great Architect of the universe, that He has been pleased to prolong Your Majesty's life and reign, and has permitted us to take part with Your Majesty's subjects throughout the Empire in celebrating the joyous occasion of your Jubilee, and to pray earnestly that Your Majesty may be spared to your loving subjects for long years to come.

At all meetings of our Lodges we claim as a privilege and insist as a duty that an open Bible shall be placed before the brethren, and thence we strive to obtain the lessons we inculcate, the course in life we should follow, and the building up of character which shall be adorned with every moral and social virtue, and a due recognition of the sphere in life which we occupy, that we may each faithfully discharge our duty; these lessons from the inspired writings are impressed on all who enter our portals; we claim no exclusive possession of these gifts; all can drink at the same well; they are free to all.

We know, from the shining example that Your Most Gracious Majesty has offered to your subjects and to the whole world during the long period of fifty

years, that the throne of the greatest empire the world has ever seen has been so worthily occupied by Your Majesty, that your rule of life and guide has been the same open Bible, and our thanksgivings will be offered with the greater fervor at the throne of grace, from the assurance that our Empire and its Sovereign have been spiritually as well as materially blessed.

May the example offered by Your Majesty, the highest lady in the land—indeed in the world—the daughter and mother of Freemasons, uniting in your own royal person all these virtues, stimulate us, your loving subjects, to act up to our professions. May we, like Your Majesty, live for others, and not alone for ourselves. May the expressions of deepest respect, love and devotion which pour in upon Your Majesty from all parts of the Empire, and indeed from all parts of the inhabitable globe, be to Your Majesty, in some degree, a reward for a whole life devoted to the service of your country and humanity. And may the Great Architect of the universe permit us for years to come to sing from our hearts with, if possible, increasing fervour,

God save our Queen.

J. W. LAURIE, Maj.-General, <i>Past Grand Master.</i>	} <i>Committee.</i>
D. C. MOORE, P. D. G. M., <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>	
B. CURREN, P. D. G. M., <i>Grand Secretary.</i>	

On motion of R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. Taylor,—

The address just read was adopted and the Grand Secretary was directed to have the same engrossed and forwarded for presentation to Her Majesty.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. John W. Ruhland, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charles F. Cochran,—

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. Bro. D. C. Moore for the able discourse preached before Grand Lodge in St. Paul's Church this morning.

On motion of R. W. Bro. W. A. Hesson, seconded by R. W. Bro. William Holloway,—

* The Address was handsomely engrossed by Mr. Samuel E. Whiston, of the Halifax Business College, signed by the M. W. Grand Master and the Committee, and forwarded to General, The Right Honble. Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, K. C. B., Windsor Castle, to be laid before Her Majesty, the receipt of which was graciously acknowledged in the following letter, addressed to the Grand Secretary :—

“ Sir Henry Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to thank the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Nova Scotia for their kind and loyal address.

“ 30th July, 1887.

“ Buckingham Palace.”

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Paul's for their kindness in placing the Church at the disposal of the Craft on this occasion.

Referring to the rich musical treat afforded the Craft by R. W. Bro. Professor Samuel Porter and his choir at St. Paul's Church this morning, which included the anthem especially composed by Dr. Bridge for the Jubilee Service in Westminster Abbey, and Handel's celebrated coronation anthem "Zadock the Priest," it was moved by M. W. Bro. Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, Past Dep. G. Master, and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Samuel Porter, Past S. G. Warden, Grand Organist, and the ladies and gentlemen who so ably assisted him in the beautiful rendition of the full Choral Service at St. Paul's on the occasion of the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The business of this Special Communication being ended, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the year ending May 20th, A. D. 1887—A. L. 5887.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lau: Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. T. MAHON.....	W. M.	F. B. SANFORD	S. D.
W. CROWE.....	S. W.	J. J. LLOYD.....	J. D.
F. W. HARLEY.....	J. W.	J. BURFORD.....	I. G.
T. TRENAMAN.....	T.	T. H. FRANCIS	S. S.
W. R. COGSWELL.....	Sec'y.	H. W. BROWN.....	J. S.
	J. J. McKEIL.....		Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. Woodill, P. G. W.	J. H. Jost.
T. S. Lownds.	S. Porter, P. G. W., G. O.
R. C. Hamilton.	S. M. Brookfield.
J. Dempster, G. T.	W. Crowe.
T. Trenaman, Dist. Dep. G. M.	A. Hart.
	A. G. Cunningham.

MASTER MASONS :

Boardwell J.	Henley, W. C.	Norman, R.
Borden, R. L.	Huestis, Rev. S. F.	Priest, J. S.
Chambers, T. A.	Hutcheson, W. S.	Rolston, J. D.
Cogswell, Wm. L.	Jubien, F. W.	Rieckhoff, C. L. F.
Dodwell, Rev. G. B.	Johnston, J.	Shirreff, John
Davidson, S. R.	Kaizer, A. G.	Simson, F. C.
England, E. A.	Knight, G.	Strothard, Rev. James.
Eaton, W.	LeRoux, E.	Teasdale, Rev. J. J.
Fader, A.	Mont, J.	Theakston, R.
Forbes, F. G.	McDonald, A. G.	Theakston, W.
Greig, F.	McNiven, D.	Winterbourne, Rev. H. J.
Harrris, H.	Naylor, J.	Wallace, J. DeM.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. L. BROWN.....	W. M.	J. PETERS.....	S. D.
H. M. McDONALD.....	S. W.	G. TRACEY.....	J. D.
W. MEADOWS.....	J. W.	J. TAYLOR.....	I. G.
E. E. CURREN.....	T.	M. R. MORROW.....	S. S.
W. E. LEVERMAN.....	Sec'y.	T. C. NEWTON.....	J. S.
J. J. McKEIL Tyler.			

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Laurie, Past G. Master.	W. F. MacCoy.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.	C. C. Carter.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.	S. Trott.
A. K. Mackinlay, P. G. W.	A. E. Curren.
J. Milsom.	L. D. Wier.
W. Inglis.	J. Lawlor.

F. W. Johnstone.

MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, C.	Fordham, A.	Nash, W. C.
Andrews, H.	Greer, F. H.	Rutherford, D.
Barnaby, L. A.	Hamilton, F. A.	Racey, W. R.
Cameron, D.	Hesslein, A. G.	Salter, B. W. (jr)
Chater, C. H.	Hesslein, L. J.	Savary, H. W.
Downie, W. P.	Hamilton, F. A.	Smith, J. G.
Dustan, H. B.	Harding, W. J.	Sutherland, J.
Eagar, M. F.	Lugar, W. R.	Whiston, F.
Fielding, George H.	McDonald, Alex.	Worrall, H. F.

VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

HALIFAX.

Formerly 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

REV. F. R. MURRAY.....	<i>W. M.</i>	A. C. HAWKINS.....	<i>S. D.</i>
P. C. HILL.....	<i>S. W.</i>	W. C. SMITH.....	<i>J. D.</i>
REV. C. W. McCULLY....	<i>J. W.</i>	J. E. ROY.....	<i>I. G.</i>
W. A. HESSON.....	<i>T.</i>	W. L. KANE.....	<i>S. S.</i>
T. MOWBRAY.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	H. E. RAWSON.....	<i>J. S.</i>
J. J. McKEIL		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.	J. Hicks.
R. T. Roome.	J. Hudson, P. D. G. M.
B. Curren, P. D. G. M., G. Sec'y.	Rev. F. Partridge, P. D. G. M.
J. Gossip, P. G. W.	W. Esson.
T. Mowbray.	W. Ross, P. D. G. M.
C. E. Puttner.	R. B. Croft.
C. C. Vaux.	C. J. Spike.
A. Stephen.	A. M. Scott.

E. J. Gorham

MASTER MASONS:

Almon, T. R.	Jennett, J. R.	Oland, G. W. C.
Brown, R.	Jago, J. W.	Potts, C. H.
Berg, G. H.	Johnstone, A. D.	Rigby, C. D.
Cogswell, A. W.	Knight, J. T. P.	Ross, W. B.
Cornelius, J.	Lane, R. B.	Russell, L. G.
Campbell, D. A.	Lithgow, J. T.	Roy, J. E.
Day, F.	Lundy, C. W.	Schaefer, H.
Fitch, S.	McCrow, J.	Sinclair, G. L.
Gabriel, J. McN.	Neish, Rev. D.	Spike, A. W.
Gorham, E.	Newman, W. H.	Silver H. St. Clair.
Greer, T. A.	Northup, W. C.	Twining H. St. G.
Hart, W. H.	Oland, J. C.	Tupper, C. W.
Hunter, C. R.		

UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

LUNENBURG.

Formerly 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH-

OFFICERS:

A. J. WOLFF.....	W. M.	G. N. C. HAWKINS.....	S. D.
S. W. OXNER.....	S. W.	W. N. ZWICKER.....	J. D.
GEO. A. ROSS.....	J. W.	WM. L. ROMKEY.....	I. G.
D. J. RUDOLF.....	T.	A. THURLOW.....	S. S.
A. H. ZWICKER.....	Sec'y.	H. POWERS.....	J. S.
	W. GRAY.....		Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

H. S. Jost, Past Dist.	D. G. M.	D. J. Rudolf.
D. M. Owen, Dist. Dep.	G. M.	A. B. Coldwell.
	W. A. Zwicker,	G. St.

MASTER MASONS :

Bailey, J. A.	Kaulbach, J.	Risser, J.
Crasso, J.	Nnack, N.	Risser, S.
Dowling, C. J.]	Knickle, S.	Rodenheiser, I.
Dauphinee, J.	Knickle, A.	Smith, F.
Dauphinee, W. R.	Liebke, A.	Shupe, J.
Eisenhaur, A.	Love, G. H.	Smith, W.
Gerhardt, E.	Mosher, J. A.	Smeltzer, M.
Hammett, J. L.	Morash, A. R.	Wolf, E.
Hebb, John	Nass, J.	Young, A. J.
Heckman, R.	Oxner, R.	Young, J.
Hunt, J. E.	Pearle, J.	Zinck, T.
Hyson, J.	Pelly, G. A.	Zwicker, J. H.
Jacobs, S.		

ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFEICERS :

G. A. DOUGLAS.....	W. M.	E. GRANT.....	S. D.
G. R. MURRAY.....	S. W.	J. R. McKENZIE.....	J. D.
J. McK. PATTERSON.....	J. W.	D. McDONALD...	I. G.
A. CAMERON.....	T.	A. J. RICE.....	S. S
R. GRANT.....	Sec'y.	J. CAMERON.....	J. S.
A. McDONALD.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS :

H. J. Cameron.	J. K. Fraser.
K. McLeod.	J. W. Church.
P. R. Meikle.	A. Cameron.
G. A. Douglas.	J. S. McKay.
A. Fraser.	D. C. Fraser, P. D. G. M.
A. McQueen.	H. T. Sutherland, P. S. G. W.
J. McGillivray.	J. Cummings.
R. A. Walker.	D. McDearmid.

J. H. Cavanagh.

MASTER MASONS:

Betts, W.	Graham, W. C.	McDonald, J.
Bulley, G. G.	Graham, R.	McDonald, J.
Bell, A. C.	Graham, D. R.	McDougall, D.
Bent, C. T.	Graham, J. McK.	McDougall, J. A.
Cummings, D.	Grant, D. R.	McCurdy, S. T.
Cummings, H. T.	Grant, J. F.	McNiell, J.
Campbell, D.	Gordon, W.	McPherson, J.
Campbell, A.	Holmes, J.	McLaughlin, A.
Coghill, D. A.	Hunter, J.	Murray, G. R.
Cameron, F.	Henderson, H. H.	O'Brien, T. R.
Cameron, H.	Ingraham, J.	O'Brien, Alex. H.
Carew, G. O'B.	Love, W.	Patterson, D. B.
Cphoon, H. F.	Mann, A.	Patterson, G. A.
Douglas, D.	Meikle, A.	Patterson, C.
Dawson, E. C.	Murray, H.	Polson, D.
Dunbar, R.	Marshall, B. B.	Pushie, N.
Dunbar, A.	McGregor, J. W.	Reeves, J.
Eastwood, J.	McKenzie, A. G.	Ross, D.
Foot, J. W.	McKenzie, W. F.	Ross, H.
Fraser, W.	McKenzie, S. M.	Ross, J.
Fraser, T.	McKinnon, C. J.	Rose, H.
Fraser, J. T.	McKay, R. P.	Stewart, J. K.
Fraser, S. H.	McKay, J.	Stewart, A.
Fraser, J. H.	McMay, M.	Sullivan, T.
Fraser, C.	McKay, W. D.	Smith, J. T.
Fraser, J.	McKay, J. R.	Thompson, A. C.
Fraser, A.	McKarcher, J.	Thompson, C. B.
Fraser, A. W.	McKarcher, A.	Townshend, H. J.
Fraser, E. S.	McLeod, N.	Treen, J.
Fraser, J. H.	McLeod, A. F.	Turner, J. R.
Gerrard, J. W.	McLean, J. R.	Urquhart, A.
Graham, J. G.		

ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.

HALIFAX.

Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. H. BENTLEY.....	W. M.	I. E. SANFORD.....	S. D.
A. MUMFORD.....	S. W.	N. H. GILLIS.....	J. D.
M. C. MUMFORD.....	J. W.	J. G. COLP.....	I. G.
T. E. EVERETT.....	T.	G. WORTH.....	S. S.
J. McLEARN.....	Sec'y.	A. McNEIL.....	J. S.
J. J. McKEIL.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

W. Holloway, P. G. W.	D. L. Johns.
J. McLearn.	G. L. Fluck.
H. B. Sellon.	D. McDougall.
G. Taylor.	

MASTER MASONS:

Barnstead, J. P.	Geppard, J. P.	Martell, C. A.
Berry, W.	Grant, S. A.	McDougall, J.
Brown, S.	Glawson, W. .	Packer, E.
Doyle, J. L.	Hammett, H. B.	Robinson, T.
Ennefer, F. J.	Heisler, E.	Woolnough, C.
Evans, N.	Heisler, A. A.	Wilson, G.
Fulton, H.	Jost, T. P.	Watt, W. H.
Forbes, J.	Lawrence, H. J.	Ward, F.
Foster, J.	Luke, W. G.	

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 499, R. E. Chartered August, 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. A. FARQUHARSON.....	W. M.	N. McRURY.....	S. D.
C. A. RICHARDSON.....	S. W.	A. CAMERON.....	J. D.
N. E. MUGGAH.....	J. W.	W. W. DILLON.....	I. G.
A. J. McDONALD.....	T.	J. A. BURNS.....	S. S.
D. MATHESON.....	Sec'y.	A. N. McLENNAN.....	J. S.
J. C. TOWNSHEND.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

M. Dodd.	J. Patterson.
A. D. McGillvary.	A. G. McLean, P. S. G. W.
J. McKenzie.	E. S. Stirling.
D. Matheson.	T. W. Publicover.
A. McLeod.	B. McKittrick.

MASTER MASONS:

Armstrong, G. B.	Moseley, F.	Muggah, N. E.
Andrews, W. H.	Milbury, F. S.	Murray, Rev. J.
Bradley, M.	McBeth, M.	Oram, G.
Boutilier, T. S.	McDonald, A.	Outram, E.
Bown, H. G.	McKinnon, W.	Pass, C.
Campbell, A.	McKinnon, N.	Piercy, E.
Draper, Rev. T. F.	McKinnon, J. H.	Peters, J.
Fisher, F.	McLennan, D.	Rudderham, D.
Gardiner, W. E.	McVicar, James	Richardson, A.
Grantmyre, E.	McVicar, N.	Sutton, A. J.
Greenwell, I.	McVicar, John	Townsend, N. H.
Hill, C. W.	McVicar, Arch.	Townsend, J. E.
Harold, T. C.	McKenzie, K.	Townsend, E. M.
Ingraham, M. L.	McLeod, J. K.	Townsend, F. B.
Johnstone, E. J.	McLennan, N.	Wilson, J.
Kendall, A. S.	McLennan, J. K.	Woodill, B.
Martin, R.	Muggah, J. W.	Young, J. A.
Meech, J. A.		

ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330. Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S.
Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. J. LAY.....	W. M.	G. M. DOULL.....	S. D.
A. J. MUNROE	S. W.	W. F. DONKIN	J. D.
H. M. COATES.....	J. W.	B. D. BENT	I. G.
F. A. WILSON	T.	M. B. HARRISON.....	S. S.
ARTHUR DAVISON	Sec'y.	C. WARMUNDE.....	J. S.
L. BENJAMIN		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

J. Hill.	D. T. Chapman.
C. J. Townshend, Past Dist. Dep.	J. M. Townshend, S. G. W.
C. R. Smith.	F. A. Wilson.
W. I. Moffat.	G. G. Bird.
A. B. Etter.	G. M. Doull.
N. Curry.	

MASTER MASONS:

Avard, C. F.	Harris, Rev. V. E.	Pelton, E. C.
Baker, C. E.	Holmes, W.	Porter, J.
Black, A.	Harrison, O. L.	Pride, M. D.
Burton, W. H.	Harrison, H. J.	Pugsley, R.
Brownell, C.	Hillsen, C. T.	Rhodes, N. A. P.
Chapman, A. A.	Higgins, W.	Robb, D. W.
Colford, P. J.	Hall, F. G.	Rutherford, T.
Coates, E. F.	Lamy, J. R.	Seaman, G.
Dunlap, T.	Lowe, C. A.	Seaman, J. H.
Douglass, D. W.	McQuilton, S.	Townshend, Rev. G.
Doull, A. P.	McLeod, J. M.	Vernon, M. P.
Dowlin, W. M.	Murray, W.	Young, F. B.
Etter, G. K.	Moran, W. J.	
Gaetz, Rev. I.	McLeod, D.	

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

LIVERPOOL.

Formerly No. 562, R. E., Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. McLEOD	<i>W. M.</i>	J. H. HAGER	<i>S. D.</i>
J. H. FRASER	<i>S. W.</i>	S. CHANDLER	<i>J. D.</i>
W. D. HAMMET	<i>J. W.</i>	D. BUCHANAN	<i>I. G.</i>
S. C. WEST	<i>T.</i>	J. WILE	<i>S. S.</i>
A. L. WEST	<i>Secy.</i>	W. S. CROCKER	<i>J. S.</i>
J. BUCHANAN		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cobb,	D. Buchanan.
J. M. Cole,	W. Knaut.

MASTER MASONS:

Bowers, P.	Gibbons, W. S.	Smith, G. P.
Bushing, J.	Laing, A.	Smith, G.
Baltzer, J.	Love, J.	Scott, W. McG.
Bezanson, J. G.	McDonald, A.	Thompson, W. J.
Clements, C. H.	Mitchell, J. P.	Verge, W.
Cowie, A.	Magnes, W. J.	Verge, J.
Day, A.	McLeod, W. S.	Verge, S.
Frelick, E.	McLeod, H. F.	Winters, G.
Gardner, S.	Moore, G. T.	Woods, A.
Gardner, A.	Stewart, J. S.	Wright, H. A.

BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. A. HANCOCK.....	<i>W. M.</i>	G. S. GRANT.....	<i>S. D.</i>
A. MCKAY.....	<i>S. W.</i>	G. BROWN.....	<i>J. D.</i>
W. E. TAYLOR.....	<i>J. W.</i>	J. OVERY	<i>M.</i>
J. FORTUNE	<i>T.</i>	W. J. S. SATTERLY.....	<i>S. S.</i>
A. WADDELL	<i>Secy.</i>	P. DEGRUCHY.....	<i>J. S.</i>

PAST MASTERS:

William Taylor, Past G. Master.	J. T. Clarke.
D. Pottinger, P. G. W.	W. A. McKenzie.
Alex Waddell.	Rev. R. Wainwright.
J. Fortune.	J. H. Balcarr.
W. A. Garrison.	J. Ellis.
S. Mosher.	J. Patterson.
J. R. Bennett.	D. C. Grant.
O. Jones.	J. C. Lloyd.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, W.	Evens, W.	Mitchell, S.
Beck, J. A.	Fultz, R. DEB.	Monamy, J. G.
Bucksey, C.	Garrett, H.	Moseley, R.
Blakeney, J.	Griffin, J.	Pace, S.
Burden, J. W.	Hefler, J.	Partridge, A.
Baker, J.	Hillier, C.	Patterson, R.
Brinkman, C.	Hillman, G. T.	Purdy, J.
Brokenshire, J. D.	Harris, A.	Pye, C. E.
Butler, W. F.	Hatfield, A. J.	Robinson, W.
Cawsey, J.	Hopkins, H.	Robinson, C.
Carr, E.	Innis, G. S.	Service, T.
Carr, J.	Ivey, G.	Sterling, E.
Cook, T. A.	Jones, W.	Thomson, J. A.
Cropley, H. A.	Judge, P.	Waddell, D.
Campbell, G. M.	Janowycze, J.	Woods, T.
Dean, W. M.	Kenty, I. B.	Williams, D.
Dean, J. R.	McKenzie, W. W.	White, D.
Dixon, J.	McConkey, T.	Yould, T.
Dobbie, J.	Morrison, J.	
Ellis, A.	Messervey, W.	

NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM JUNE TILL SEPTEMBER (BOTH INCLUSIVE), AND ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

OFFICERS:

M. MORRISON	W. M.	A. J. McKNIGHT.....	S. D.
F. McKARCHER.....	S. W.	D. W. MURRAY.....	J. D.
W. T. GILLIS.....	J. W.	W. A. COOK.....	I. G.
A. J. CRAIG	T.	W. F. TANNER	S. S.
G. E. JOHNSTONE	Sec'y.	N. FRASER.....	J. S.
J. D. CARLETON.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

R. Tanner.	K. J. McKenzie.
J. A. Gordon, Dist. Dep. G. M.	W. F. Tanner.
T. Robley.	J. McMillan.
J. R. Davies.	W. S. McDonald, J. G. D.
T. Tanner, Past Dist. Dep.	C. E. Tanner.

MASTER MASONS:

Allard, W.	Fraser, J.	McKarcher, A.
Bone, C. D.	Fraser, Alex.	McKarcher, S. F.
Brown, J.	Fraser, J.	McKenzie, Alex.
Chipman, W.	Geldert, D. M.	McKenzie, A.
Cooke, W. A.	Garvin, J. S.	McKenzie, J. D.
Currie, A.	Graham, P. McG.	McKenzie, John
Christie, D.	Grant, A. D.	McKenzie, James
Christie, G. J.	Grant, W.	McKay, J. H.
Copeland, S.	Gunn, W.	McKay, J. H.
Carmichael, J.	Gunn, J.	McLeod, C. H.
Clark, J.	Henderson, A. C.	McNeil, J.
Campbell, A.	Hockin, R.	McPherson, G.
Campbell, J. W.	Harris, W. S.	McQuarrie, J. C.
Carleton, S.	Ives, G. D.	Murray, L.
Chisholm, J. A.	Langill, G.	Otter, W.
Davies, C. E.	Little, F. E.	Patton, T.
Duncan, R. J.	Munro, W.	Poull, G. W.
Dumaresque, J. P.	Munro, Duncan	Ross, W.
Douglas, D.	Munro, Danl.	Rood, C. L.
Downing, Rev. J. L.	McDonald, Alex.	Seaward, W.
Edgecombe, Rev. J.	McDonald, D. L.	Sproull, J. F.
Edmunds, W.	McDonald, Dan.	Sproull, J. A.
English, D. W.	McDonald, Robert	Stone, T.
Fernie, W.	McDonald, J. R.	Sutherland, J. B.
Forbes, J. W.	McDonald, James	Taylor, T. G.
Fraser, F. W.	McDonald, J. S.	Thompson, A.
Fraser, Dan. C.	McDonald, J.	Urquhart, W.
Fraser, G. W.	McGregor, W.	

HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

L. J. ROGERS.....	<i>W. M.</i>	H. CHURCHILL.....	<i>S. D.</i>
REV. J. R. WOODLAND.....	<i>S. W.</i>	J. PLATT.....	<i>J. D.</i>
J. B. LEWIS.....	<i>J. W.</i>	J. W. BINGAY.....	<i>I. G.</i>
J. R. WYMAN.....	<i>T.</i>	W. W. GRACE.....	<i>S. S.</i>
T. B. CROSBY.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	C. WHITE.....	<i>J. S.</i>
B. B. SMITH.....			<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

T. V. B. Bingay.	T. B. Crosby, Past Dist. Dep.
A. J. Hood.	T. E. Corning.
J. W. Bingay.	W. W. Reid.
F. L. Hatfield.	T. V. B. Bingay, Jr.
A. S. Hood.	G. T. Grant.
J. R. Wyman, Past Dist. Dep.	A. Rogers, P. J. G. W.
E. D. Moulton.	

MASTER MASONS :

Baker, J. G.	Ingram, Rev. A. E.	Roy, L. J.
Bent, N. H.	Manning, John	Roberts, W. F.
Chadsey, J.	McCormack, J.	Rogers, C.
Ellis, J. J.	Miller, J.	Scott, J. E.
Gardner, J. N.	Nickerson, J. E.	Spinney, D.
Goudy, A.	Parker, J. B.	Sleethe, J.
Hatfield, N. B.	Patton, G.	Scovill, S. N.
Homer, A. W.	Rozee, J.	Sellers, J. P.
Homer, W. B.	Ross, D.	Suttie, C.
Hughes, H.	Robbins, J. H.	Titus, Rev. G. B.
Holmes, J. H.	Ross, W. D.	Trask, C. E.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February, 28, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

R. SMITH	W. M.	D. MACKINTOSH	S. D.
E. KING.....	S. W.	H. HUSTON.....	J. D.
J. SUTHERLAND.....	J. W.	D. CAMPBELL	S. S.
H. C. BLACK.....	T.	J. ROBERTSON	J. S.
D. MACAULAY	Sec'y.	G. MCKINNON	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS :

H. C. Black.	E. King.
D. Macaulay.	D. Mackintosh.
R. Smith.	J. K. Salter.

MASTER MASONS:

Allan, G.	Mitchell, A.	Seaman, W. N.
Brownell, H.	Morton, Rev. A. D.	Starratt, J.
Heather, G.	Munro, M.	Warner, J. E.
Johnson, G.	McPherson, E.	Wilson, A.
Kennedy, A.	Page, R. F.	Wilson, Rev. C.
McDonald, J.	Robertson, J.	Yeaman, R.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

GEORGE TAYLOR.....	<i>W. M.</i>	II. EDIS.....	<i>S. D.</i>
G. J. HARRIS.....	<i>S. W.</i>	CHAS. A. HILCHIE.....	<i>J. D.</i>
J. SNOW.....	<i>J. W.</i>	E. F. WILLIAMS.....	<i>I. G.</i>
T. D. SPIKE.....	<i>T.</i>	A. J. McNUTT.....	<i>S. S.</i>
F. ROGERS.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. A. GREEN.....	<i>J. S.</i>
J. J. McKEIL..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

G. Fraser.	O. M. Hill.
J. Sutherland.	T. C. Allen.
A. McLeod.	J. J. McKiel, G. Tyler.
J. W. Ruhland, D. G. M.	T. G. Creelman.
T. D. Spike.	C. G. Creelman.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, W.	Hamil, A.	McAulay, A. H.
Archibald, D.	Harris, T. S. H.	Nott, H.
Bligh, H. H.	Holley, W. J.	Nickerson, C.
Banks, H. H.	Hifler, T. B.	Oldham, H. N.
Banks, A. M.	Johanson, G.	Robinson, C.
Boyd, G. W.	Jensen, C. F.	Ryan, J. F.
Boutilier, F.	Lowner, G.	Risteen, W. H.
Creelman, D.	Moir, D.	Renner, A.
Fraser, J.	Miller, A. L.	Sutherland, W.
Finnigan, H.	McFatrige, R.	Stewart, D.
Fisher, J. D.	McKay, A.	Smith, W. V.
Geldert, J. M.	McKenzie, A.	Willis, C.
Gibson, E.	McAulay, N. H.	Williams, H. F.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852. Also No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

I. S. SANFORD.....	W. M.	J. R. HAYSTEAD ..	S. D.
J. BARNSTEAD	S. W.	W. GIBB	J. D.
H. V. McKAY.....	J. W.	R. LOCK.....	M.
J. McINNIS	T.	D. ANNAND	S. S.
W. WILLIAMS.....	Sec'y.	W. JAKEMAN ..	J. S.
J. J. McKEIL		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

C. J. McDonald, P. D. G. M.	A. E. Wilmot.
J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.	B. H. Landis.
W. Williams, P. G. W.	C. H. Gladwin.
J. J. Stewart.	G. A. Green.
T. Mitchell.	J. H. Dow.

J. P. Longard.

MASTER MASONS:

Annand, J. E.	Dowling, W. H.	McDonald, D. A.
Archibald, J. L.	Eastwood, R.	McLellan, W. W.
Bowser, J.	Gray, C. W.	McElhinney, A. D.
Boggs, G. W.	Hames, W. J.	McKay, J. E.
Brown, W. H.	Hopgood, W. J.	Reid, G. W. P.
Brokenshire, W. E.	Hubley, B. M.	Sarre, W. C.
Cecconi, T.	Herkes, J.	Stensrud, M. M.
Donovan, J. M.	Lawson, H.	Sutherland, J. H.
Dowling, J.	Myers, R.	Taylor, J. E. M.

KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

BEAR RIVER.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. G. CLARK	<i>W. M.</i>	W. GRAHAM	<i>S. D.</i>
S. KNIFFIN	<i>S. W.</i>	J. D. PURDY	<i>J. D.</i>
D. J. MORSE	<i>J. W.</i>	J. W. TURNBULL	<i>I. G.</i>
A. MARSHALL	<i>T.</i>	J. H. BROWN	<i>S. S.</i>
G NICHOLL	<i>Sec'y.</i>	W. A. PURDY	<i>J. S.</i>
J. H. PURDY		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

G. Nicholl.	S. Kniffen.
J. H. Benson.	C. H. Purdy.
E. E. Tupper, P. S. G. W.	D. J. Morse.

MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, R. J.	Hogan, J. P.	Rice, C. R.
Clark, W. W.	Longley, J.	Spurr, W. V.
Cooper, J. E.	Morgan, W.	Shaw, W. C.
Dunn, A.	Nicholl, W. T.	Smith, W.
Dunn, J. I.	Purdy, C. H.	Vroom, G. V.
Ellison, H.	Rice, E.	Wadman, T. W.
Halliday, W.		

KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R. S. Established January, 1852. Also, No. 3, R. N. S. Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. FARQUHAR	<i>W. M.</i>	A. R. McDONALD	<i>S. D.</i>
F. A. WARNER	<i>S. W.</i>	W. MANN	<i>J. D.</i>
W. PEVERELL	<i>J. W.</i>	C. F. F. VON SHOPPE	<i>M.</i>
W. McNALLY	<i>T.</i>	W. H. McARTHUR	<i>S. S.</i>
J. A. SMITH	<i>Sec'y.</i>	W. J. EASTHAM	<i>J. S.</i>
J. J. McKEIL		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS :

J. K. Munnis.
W. McNally.
W. H. Havill.
J. N. Lindsay.
D. F. Douglass.

J. W. Heckman.
J. Quigley.
J. A. Smith.
F. Waters.
W. Gleeson.

MASTER MASONS :

Arthur, T. W.
Archibald, A. K.
Blakely, J. H.
Buchanan, R. W.
Burbidge, D. H.
Budd, W.
Campbell, C.
Crump, J. G.
Davis, W.
Graham, P. D.
Hanson, E.
Hillier, I.
Harrahar, P.

Hardt, C. F.
Hodgkinson, A. H.
Johnston, J. A.
Johnson, Rev. G.
Kent, Rev. G. W.
Kniveton, J.
Larder, L. H.
Larson, M.
Matson, G.
McVicar, P.
McGilvery, W. G.
Mumford, C. N.
Paul, W. H.

Perrin, T.
Potts, J.
Ring, G.
Smith, E.
Simmons, J.
Soper, W. H.
Smith, P. S.
Thompson, J.
Verge, J. N.
Withel, C.
Wright, E. W.
Warner, E. C.
Watson, J. H. A.

UNION LODGE, No. 18.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

T. G. McDONALD.....	W. M.	R. SYMONDS.....	S. D.
C. T. DIXON	S. W.	D. LEE.....	J. D.
J. FLINT	J. W.	C. F. BIDDLE.....	I. G.
P. E. McKERROW	T.	REV. N. F. DRAYTON.....	S. S.
T. G. D. SCOTLAND	Sec'y.	W. J. CHEARNLEY	J. S.
J. J. McKEIL.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS :

W. T. Davis.	C. F. Biddle.
P. E. McKerrow.	W. J. Chearnley.
W. B. Thomas.	T. G. D. Scotland.
C. E. Bracket.	T. Arthur.
B. N. Davis.	J. L. French.

MASTER MASONS :

Bushenpin, P.	Jordan, Rev. A. W.	Richards, G.
Bovells, B.	Jones, W.	Roberts, T. E.
Bailey, W. T.	Knight, J. S.	Symons, N.
Clay, J. E.	Latimer, G.	Skinner, D.
Cooper, C.	Martin, J. H.	Stewart, J.
Duporte, W. H. T.	Miller, J.	Williams, T.
Edgell, J.	Nicholas, T.	Whalen, W.
Francis, A. D.	Parris, F. A.	White, R.
Jackson, J.		

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 19.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered
March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

N. MARTELL	<i>W. M.</i>	F. T. LEMOINE.....	<i>S. D.</i>
G. F. M. FORBES	<i>S. W.</i>	N. McCUISE.....	<i>J. P.</i>
J. W. McLEAN	<i>J. W.</i>	A. R. FORBES	<i>I. G.</i>
D. McKAY.....	<i>T.</i>	C. A. ROBERTSON	<i>S.</i>
J. J. FORBES	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. D. McDONALD.....	<i>J. S.</i>
D. SCOTT.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS :

W. Proctor, Dist. Dep. G. M.	D. Lawlor.
J. H. Christie.	J. N. Armstrong.
W. Purves.	J. J. Forbes.
J. Vooght.	A. R. Forbes.
D. McKay.	J. Greener.
N. Martell.	W. Forbes.

MASTER MASONS:

Burgess, J. T.	McDonald, T. E.	Melville, J.
Bambrick, Rev. R. D.	McMillan, Rev. D.	Munroe, J.
Cleveland, F. H.	McLarty, D.	Musgrave, R.
Gordon, J. W.	McKenzie, D. J.	Nisbet, P. R.
Horne, W.	McCuish, J.	Nisbet, J.
Howatson, J.	McKenzie, A.	Noel, J.
Ingraham, G. B.	McKeen, G. K.	Robinson, G.
Langwith, H. E.	Moore, W. H.	Ross, J. G.
McDonald, J. D.	Moore, J. B.	Shepherd, R.
McLean, M.	Morrison, D.	Wilson, J.
McLearn, R.		

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFFVILLE.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. R. SLEEP.....	<i>W. M.</i>	G. H. WALLACE	<i>S. D.</i>
J. D. CHAMBERS.....	<i>S. W.</i>	J. W. WALLACE.....	<i>J. D.</i>
M. W. PICK.....	<i>J. W.</i>	J. W. BIGELOW.....	<i>M.</i>
J. B. DAVISON	<i>T.</i>	J. W. GORMELY.....	<i>S. S.</i>
J. W. CALDWELL.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. A. ELDERKIN.....	<i>J. S.</i>
W. C. BLACKADAR.....			<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Bigelow.	J. W. Caldwell.
E. P. Armstrong.	J. B. Davison.
E. N. Payzant.	M. W. Pick.
G. H. Wallace.	J. W. Wallace.

MASTER MASONS:

Chase, W. H.	Eagles, J. C.	Lockhart, J. S.
Cochran, J.	Herbin, J. F.	Mitchell, F.
Cochran, C. E.	Harris, L. E.	Reed, D. D.
DeWolf, F. K.	Johnson, W. H.	Robinson, H.

DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

STELLARTON.

Formerly 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. R. CORBETT	W. M.	W. McKINLAY	S. D.
D. D. ROBINSON	S. W.	H. LEWIS	J. D.
J. BAXTER	J. W.	J. DUNBAR	I. G.
J. McQUARRIE	T.	F. McLEAN	S. S.
J. FRASER	Sec'y.	J. ROBSON	J. S.
A. McDONALD		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

L. Johnstone, Grand Master.	J. Denoon.
J. Maxwell.	J. R. Green, P. S. G. W.
J. McQuarrie.	G. A. Ward.
R. Niven.	A. H. McKay.
Rev. D. C. Moore, P. D. G. M., G. C.	J. W. Coghill.
W. MacKenzie.	G. Gray.
A. B. Gray.	

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, A.	Holm, C.	McKenzie, A.
Bain, A.	Keith, Daniel	Nicolson, N.
Brewis, T.	Kennedy, E.	Nicholson, A.
Corbitt, John R.	Martin, M.	Purvis, A.
Cumming, J.	Miller, W. G.	Ross, R. M.
Cullen, W.	McDonald, A.	Ross, P.
Dickson, C. W.	McDonald, M. P.	Smith, J.
Fraser, R. P.	McDonald, D. F.	Stuart, C. R.
Fraser, P. A.	McIntosh, J.	Sproull, W. Y.
Fraser, W. G.	McIntosh, R.	Sutherland, W.
Falconer, J. F.	McLean, J.	ThurLOW, Rev. I.
Fleming H.	McLellan, John J.	Wentworth, J.
Gray, J. A.	McKay, J. R.	Webster, M. C.
Grant, Alexander G.	McKay, D. R.	Wier, J.
Hudson, J. G. S.	McKenzie, W. G.	

CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. V. KENNEY	W. M.	W. D. NICKERSON	S. D.
J. G. NICKERSON	S. W.	R. CAMERON.....	J. D.
T. N. NICKERSON.....	J. W.	D. D. MORISEY	M.
D. G. DALY.....	T.	E. NICKERSON	S. S.
W. B. SMITH	Sec'y.	J. L. NICKERSON	J. S.
L. KENNEY..... ..Tyler.			

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. SMITH.	J. L. Nickerson.
D. G. Daley.	P. Kenney.

MASTER MASONS:

Atkinson, Job.	Kenney, J. W.	Nickerson, W. E.
Calkin, W. W.	McKinnon, R.	Penney, R. B.
Covert, T. W.	Nickerson, F.	Smith, R.
Goodwin, N.	Nickerson, G. W.	Swin, M.
Kenney, H.	Nickerson, C.	Vanenburg, J. L.
Kenney, A.		

WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED 1884.

WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. W. SHARP	W. M.	J. D. MEDCALFE	S. D.
L. R. BENNETT	S. W.	F. O. CURRY	J. D.
J. COON	J. W.	F. E. SMITH	I. G.
D. DAVIS	T.	J. W. KILCUP	S. S.
H. W. DIMOCK	Sec'y.	B. S. KNOWLES	J. S.
A. FULLER		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

Lieut.-Col. James Poyntz.	H. W. Dimock.
Rev. A. W. Nicholson.	A. Blanchard.
W. W. Rickards.	J. R. Cowen.
F. W. Dakin, P. G. W.	A. S. Sanford.
C. W. Dimock.	E. D. Shand.
J. B. Black, Past Dist. Dep.	J. C. Moody.
J. Carmichael.	

MASTER MASONS:

Akins, G. S.	Chute, C.	Mosher, I. M.
Armstrong, H. C.	Cochran, C. P.	Malcom, T.
Armstrong, J.	Crocombe, G. M.	Martin, J.
Allison, J. W.	Curry, J. W.	McNeil, J.
Archibald, S. F.	Dill, J. W.	McLellan, J. H.
Anslow, J. J.	Dimock, J. T.	Pattison, G.
Banks, B.	Dimock, W. M.	Pettis, G. E.
Beckman, F. W.	Gould, R. L.	Parkman, H.
Bennett, L. K.	Guzzwell, G. H.	Smith, T. B.
Burgess, F. N.	Haley, A.	Smith, D.
Burgess, J. G.	Harvie, G.	Smith, Jesse P.
Cochran, T. W.	Lelacheur, M.	Spearing, W. J.
Cochran, H.	Lunn, W.	Timlin, T. H.
Caldwell, T.	Mosher, J. D.	Wier, W.
Card, J. N.	Mosher, R. C.	Webb, J. A.
Card, J.		

WIDOW'S FRIEND LODGE, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH —CHARTER SURRENDERED 1874.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. E. ELLS.....	W. M.	W. M. SANFORD.....	S. D.
J. WEST.....	S. W.	P. BROWN.....	J. D.
V. GREEN.....	J. W.	.....	I. G.
A. B. BAXTER.....	T.	W. H. BAXTER.....	S. S.
J. H. PALMETER.....	Sec'y.	J. E. WOOD.....	J. S.
C. E. LOCKWOOD.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

D. M. Dickie.	J. H. Palmeter.
F. W. Borden.	G. B. Vaughan.
A. B. Baxter.	P. Brown.

R. D. G. Harris.

MASTER MASONS:

Baxter, A. E.	Huntley, D. R.	Parker, W. F.
Breckin, W. P.	Huntley, F. W.	Potter, A.
Breckin, P. M.	Lecain, F.	Seaman, G.
Coffin, D. H.	Loomer, E. J.	Smith, C. S.
Dickie, C. B.	Newcomb, C. L.	Woolaver, C.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

MILTON.

Formerly No. 964, R. E.

Established March, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

N. C. FREEMAN	W. M.	M. F. BROWN.....	S. D.
H. T. TUPPER	S. W.	R. KEMPTON.....	J. D.
R. C. FORD.....	J. W.	M. FREEMAN	I. G.
I. P. FREEMAN	T.	P. TUPPER.....	S. S.
S. FREEMAN.....	Sec'y.	G. A. HEMEON	J. S.
J. G. WENTZELL.....			Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

N. R. Freeman.
H. B. Hallett.
E. M. Freeman.

Ira P. Freeman.
G. A. Cleaveland.
J. R. Tupper.

R. Freeman.

MASTER MASONS:

Bell, G. H.	Ford, A. J.	Kempton, S. T.
Bartling, J. C.	Ford, F. W.	Meisner, A. F.
Cogswell, A. J.	Haughn, J.	Murray, A.
Chute, S.	Hemeon, W.	McKay, N.
Clancy, D.	Harlow, J. H.	Parsons, J.
Cole, W. H.	Harlow, W. B.	Patterson, J. A.
Douglas, M.	Harlow, C.	Scoby, J.
Freeman, J. N.	Hunt, B.	Sterns, R. S.
Freeman, W. T.	Hunt, J. B.	Smith, R.
Farquhar, D.	Hunt, T.	Telfer, R. F.
Farquhar, W. F.	Huskins, A.	Telfer, T.
Ford, W.	Holmes, H. C.	Wentzell, J. N.
Ford, L.	Kempton, P.	

ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also No. 6, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

JOHN BOWER.....	W. M.	M. E. DEVINE.....	S. D.
G. K. HINES.....	S. W.	W. FIRTH.....	J. D.
E. A. BOWER.....	J. W.	T. E. RYER.....	I. G.
J. MCGILL.....	T.	T. PURNEY.....	S. S.
C. WHITE.....	Secy.	M. MILLER.....	J. S.
W. G. SWANSBURG..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

N. W. White, Dist. Dep. G. M. J. Bower. W. C. C. McKay.

MASTER MASONS:

Acker, I. McS.	Etherington, R. P.	McAlpine, J.
Bruce, R. A.	Ellingson, A.	McGowan, J. A. Jr.
Bethune, J.	Firth, A.	McKay, G.
Collupy, T. E.	Harding, A.	Morrison, D.
Corbett, A.	Jones, J. L.	Putnam, H. R.
Crockeron, J.	Locke, S.	Thompson, J.
Dexter, W. P.	McLean, W.	Thorburne, J.
Dall, J. E.	McLean, A. C.	Thorburn, B. P.
Dall, Thos.	McKenzie, L.	White F. A.
Downie, W.		

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also No. 17, R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. J. CANN.....	W. M.	J. A. COOK.....	S. D.
CHAS. CAREY.....	S. W.	W. A. CHIPMAN.....	J. D.
W. R. HALEY.....	J. W.	S. H. PELTON.....	I. G.
G. S. TAYLOR.....	T.	A. J. JOLLY.....	S. S.
E. J. VICKERY.....	Sec'y.	H. A. HULLSMAN.....	J. S.
H. PHIPPS..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Johnson.	A. J. Cann.
F. A. Bailey,	G. S. Taylor.
S. H. Pelton, P. G. W.	J. L. Brown.
T. R. Jolly,	G. M. Dane.
T. B. Flint, Past Dist. Dep.	C. G. Godfrey.
	A. B. Crosby.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen, C. D.	Gayton, A.	Patten, J. F.
Allen, E.	Harris, P. T. B.	Potter, F. J.
Anderson, J. C.	Kempton, W. F.	Patten, B. R.
Burrill, W. J. G.	Kelley, R. P.	Patterson, C.
Blauvelt, W. A.	Kinney, J. R.	Rowe, W. C.
Byers, H.	Leonard, W. H., Sr.	Robbins, C. S. P.
Dodds, C.	Leonard, W. H., Jr.	Strickland, N. C.
Doane, G. B.	Morton, George J.	Shreve, Rev. R.
Gardner, R.	Oliver, McGill	VanNorden, A. M.

ELDORADO LODGE, No. 32.

WINE HARBOR.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also No. 16, R. N. S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. H. SUTTIS.....	W. M.	C. N. ROBAR	S. D.
J. D. SUTHERLAND.....	S. W.	G. DIXON	J. D.
R. STEWART	J. W.	E. CONROY	M.
H. McCUTCHEON.....	T.	C. HEWITT	S. S.
G. W. CLARK	Sec'y.	J. McINTOSH	J. S.
D. McKAY.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Clark.	A. C. Stewart.
R. Rood.	J. Rood.
J. C. Sims.	R. Reid.
W. May.	

MASTER MASONS:

Hewitt, J. S.	McQuarrie, D.	Smith, J.
Hewitt, R.	Rood, H.	Suttis, L. B.
Jack, J.	Rood, J. H.	

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E.

Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. HARRIS.....	W. M.	E. R. CLARKE	S. D.
A. A. NICHOL	S. W.	W. H. WELDON.....	J. D.
H. E. GILLIS	J. W.	W. J. SHANNON.....	I. G.
R. L. HARDWICK	T.	J. J. EDWARDS	S. S.
I. D. HARRIS	Sec'y.	J. P. LYNCH	J. S.
T. DEVERS		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

G. Whitman.	G. B. Harris.
A. Robinson, Past Dist. Dep.	J. McDormand.
R. L. Hardwick.	W. E. Armstrong.
A. B. Cunningham.	A. D. Mills.
S. Hall.	J. K. Winchester.

MASTER MASONS:

Bertaux, E.	Gates, J. H.	Nickerson, B.
Bertaux, G. K.	Gilliatt, G. A.	Owen, J. M.
Beeler, E. F.	Harris, A. E.	Partridge, J.
Blair, R.	Heath, R. A.	Potter, S.
Bath, J. E.	Healy, J. K.	Ritchie, J.
Bath, A. L.	Healy, J. H.	Ritchie, W. B. A.
Clark, J.	Iram, H.	Roop, N.
Crozier, F. F.	Irvine, H. M.	Shafner, G.
Covert, W.	Logan, N.	Thomas, J. C.
Dargie, C. B.	Munroe, A. D.	Wells, G., Jr.
Dunn, S. B.	Mills, G. W.	Welsh, R. M.
Delap, J. A.	Mills, J. B.	Whitman, R. P.
Ditmars, F. J.	McCormack, C.	Willett, W. M.
Fullerton, A.		

QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

D. DECHMAN.....	<i>W. M.</i>	G. ARCHIBALD	<i>S. D.</i>
G. W. MANSON.....	<i>S. W.</i>	JOHN H. ARCHIBALD	<i>J. D.</i>
S. T. HALL ..	<i>J. W.</i>	J. C. ARCHIBALD	<i>M.</i>
W. H. McDONALD	<i>T.</i>	A. McQUARRIE	<i>S. S.</i>
A. G. SCOTT.....	<i>Secy.</i>	J. S. CAMERON	<i>J. S.</i>
J. CAMERON.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

W. H. McDaniel.	W. H. McDaniel.
A. K. White.	J. C. Archibald.
A. Fisher.	R. McLeod.
J. A. Fraser.	W. H. McDonald.
J. Cameron.	J. W. McDaniel.
W. D. R. Cameron.	A. McQuarrie.
J. H. McDonald.	W. Murdoch.
J. D. McDonald, G. St.	A. McDonald, Dist. Dep. G. M.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, J.	Harding, D.	McKenzie, A. D.
Barrigan, J.	Hewitt, W. A.	McKinnon, A.
Cameron, A. F.	Hewitt, J.	McMillan, D.
Cameron, D. H.	Hudson, S.	McQuarrie, N.
Clark, W. E.	Ireland, A.	Murdoch, W. J.
Cumming, J.	Kirk, J. A.	Pace, G. H.
Cruikshanks, W. G.	Manson, A.	Pye, J.
Davis, J.	Moser, W. E. H.	Pye, M.
Dixon, J.	McCutcheon, J.	Pye, F.
Dewar, W.	McDonald, F. P.	Pye, W. E.
Fleet, I. E.	McDonald, J. G.	Robertson, H.
Fraser, D.	McDonald, J. W.	Romkey, J. F.
Gunn, W.	McLane, A. D.	Smith, A. F.
Hattie, A. W.	McLean, W. B.	Shiers, J. F.
Hattie, J. L.	McIntosh, E.	Turner, J.
Hattie, D.	McKeen, W.	Warren, W. H.
Hattie, W. C.		

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. C. McNAB	W. M.	W. H. WATSON.....	S. D.
L. G. CAMPBELL.....	S. W.	S. ATWATER	J. D.
C. R. HART.....	J. W.	L. McLEOD	I. G.
R. ELMSLEY.....	T.	J. C. McDONALD.....	S. S.
D. F. McRAE	Sec'y.	J. McDONALD.....	J. S.
H. McAULAY.....			Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

C. N. Campbell.	L. G. Campbell.
W. Kidston (Jun.)	D. McDonald.
W. H. Watson.	H. A. Foyle.
D. F. McRae.	A. S. McDonald.
J. L. Bethune.	

MASTER MASONS:

Campbell, H.	McDonald, D. C.	Porter, E.
Fraser, H.	McLeod, J. C.	Rice, T.
Hawley, W.	McLeod J. D.	Rice, J. L.
Ingraham, A. H.	McLeod, A.	Ross, M. J.
Johuston, E. J.	McLeod, M. G.	Smith, J.
Marshall, J. K.	McKenzie, J. A.	Sparling, L.
McKenzie, M.	McRae, P.	Watson, R.
McDonald, J. A.	McRae, D. J.	Williams, T.

THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

N. LEWIS	W. M.	H. FERGUSSON	S. D.
J. CAMPBELL	S. W.	D. McMULLIN	J. D.
A. McLEAN ..	J. W.	J. D. BOLIN.....	M.
W. CLARKE	T.	M. McPIERSON	S. S.
R. D. ANDERSON	Sec'y.	J. PAGE	J. S.
N. L. QUISTT.....			<i>Tyler.</i>

PAST MASTERS :

D. McKenzie.	J. Baird.
A. L. Anderson.	A. McAulay.
S. A. Spencer.	R. D. Anderson.
W. Clark.	A. L. Anderson.

MASTER MASONS :

Bolin, J.	McAulay, J.	McLennan, M. C.
Bowen, W. T.	McKenzie, R.	McDonald, W. H.
Bowen, E. A.	McDonald, A.	McDonald, R.
Dillon, J. A.	McVicar, A.	McDonald, D.
Ferguson, A.	McVicar, R.	McDonald, D.
Johnstone, T.	McVicar, D.	McPherson, D.
Landary, N.	McVicar, M.	Nesbit, J.
Martell, W. J.	McKenzie, J. A.	Orr, J.
McLeod, A.	McKinnon, D.	Smith, L.

COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

TRURO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED MARCH 31, 1881.

LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. COLLINS.....	W. M.	G. J. KEMM	S. D.
T. M. SWEET.....	S. W.	J. R. MCKENZIE	J. D.
J. F. SMITH.....	J. W.	W. H. SALTER.....	M.
H. A. TAYLOR.....	T.	T. A. COSSMANN.....	S. S.
W. BANNISTER	Secy.	R. B. WILCH.....	J. S.
J. J. McKEIL		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.	J. W. Longley.
T. A. Cossmann, P. D. G. M.	J. A. Adams.
W. V. Murray.	W. H. Gibson, S. G. D.

MASTER MASONS:

Adams, A.	Hamilton, J. E.	McRae, P.
Bristowe, J.	Hawkins, C. A.	McLarren, P.
Brockley, A. W.	Higgins, J. M.	Nelson, A.
Blois, T. A.	Harvey, C. T.	Pickering, W. F.
Cook, T. D.	Jost, G. H.	Puttner, J. C.
Esdale, J. P.	Johnson, W. H.	Stuart, D. C.
Fenton, E. J.	Lomas, J. S.	Salsmen, I.
Ferris, J. H.	Lyon, A. E.	Taylor, A. F. S.
Flick, I. C.	Michaels, A. L.	Wells, W. S.
Fielding, W. S.	Millikin, E.	Wilder, W.
Forhan, T.	Manley, A. J.	Webster, H.
Greig, C.	McLeod, W. A.	

ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. S. CALDER	<i>W. M.</i>	R. DAWSON	<i>S. D.</i>
G. D. HARRIS	<i>S. W.</i>	E. HAIN	<i>J. D.</i>
J. H. MOSER	<i>J. W.</i>	A. OAKES	<i>I. G.</i>
R. DAWSON	<i>T.</i>	J. A. SILVER	<i>S. S.</i>
J. A. CURLL	<i>Sec'y.</i>	R. RUDOLF	<i>J. S.</i>
J. McMILLAN		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

W. H. Owen,	J. H. Wade.
J. S. Calder.	J. A. Curll.
W. R. Wentzell.	Rev. S. March.
J. H. Moser.	

MASTER MASONS:

Duff, W. M.	Nelson, A.	Verge, F. W.
Foster, A.	Nelson, A.	Wade, J. H.
Fraser, J.	Oakes, W.	Wyman, J. R.
Gelling, Rev. W. E.	Oakes, J.	West, A. M.
Horn, W.	Owen, W. H.	Wentzell, W. R.
Kemp, C.	Power, J. T.	Warner, J. J.
Kyhn, A. R. O.	Rudolf, J.	Wentzel, N.
Logan, R. A.	Simonson, T. B.	Wentzel, J.
Morgan, J. S.	Tupper, W. S.	Zwicker, A.
Nelson, W. J.		

OPHIR LODGE, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E.

Established October, 1865.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. H. CHIPMAN	<i>W. M.</i>	J. P. MURDOCH	<i>S. D.</i>
T. W. CHESLEY	<i>S. H.</i>	H. S. PIPER	<i>J. D.</i>
A. VIDITO	<i>J. W.</i>	W. E. STARRATT.....	<i>I. G.</i>
A. MORSE	<i>T.</i>	J. H. LONGMIRE	<i>S. S.</i>
B. STARRATT	<i>Secy.</i>	J. FOSTER	<i>J. S.</i>
J. H. McLEAN		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

Rev. H. D. deBlois, G. C.	B. Starratt.
J. L. Cox.	L. G. deBlois.
W. E. Starratt, P. D. G. M.	A. Morse.
S. K. Morse.	D. M. Foster.
J. Foster.	C. B. Cornwall.
W. M. Forsyth.	

MASTER MASONS

Bent, E.	Hawksworth, J. H.	Parker, J. G. H.
Chesley, R.	King, F. G.	Palfrey, D.
Chesley, T. W.	Locket, J. H.	Read, J. B.
Chesley, T. N.	Marshall, J. O.	Rumsey, N.
Elliott, A.	Nicholson, P.	Snow, E.
Fay, F. R.		

EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

SHEET HARBOR.

Formerly No. 13.

Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

H. HALL.....	<i>W. M.</i>	J. MCG. CRUICKSHANKS.....	<i>S. D.</i>
W. LOWE.....	<i>S. W.</i>	D. DRAKE	<i>J. D.</i>
R. MARTIN.....	<i>J. W.</i>	J. W. HALL.....	<i>M.</i>
R. HALL.....	<i>T.</i>	A. CRUICKSHANKS.....	<i>S. S.</i>
N. HALL	<i>Sec'y.</i>	G. DUNN.....	<i>J. S.</i>
A. HALL.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS :

D. W. Archibald.	J. Hall.
A. Cruickshanks.	T. A. Baker.
W. Routledge.	W. Lowe.

MASTER MASONS :

Ashton, N.	Henry, R.	McInnis, R.
Ashton, L.	Hart, C. C.	McKenzie, W. J.
Balcam, S.	Hogan, J. P.	McQuarrie, D.
Balcam, R.	Irwin, R. S.	McCarty, J.
Balcam, H. J.	Irwin, G. A.	McCarty, P. P.
Balcam, Sprott.	Josey, R. D.	McMillan, F.
Conrad, J.	Leslie, G. A. M.	McNaughton, A.
Cruickshanks, J.	Leslie, A. G.	Parker, J.
Cruickshanks, J. W.	Lindsay, J. A.	Reynolds, T.
Dunn, H.	Logan, R.	Smith, W.
Dunlop, E. W.	Lowe, J.	Tupper W.
Geddis, D.	Malay, J. A.	Watt, G. T.
Graham, D.	McDonald, M.	Whitman, J. H.
Hall, S.	McLeod, E.	Whitman, L.

TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15.

Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. F. W. BELL	<i>W. M.</i>	J. HAY	<i>S. D.</i>
J. D. GLADWIN	<i>S. W.</i>	A. ALLEN	<i>J. D.</i>
H. W. YUILL	<i>J. W.</i>	H. COCK.....	<i>M.</i>
E. ARCHIBALD	<i>T.</i>	H. S. HAMILTON.....	<i>S. S.</i>
D. A. BISHOP	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. K. BLENKINSOPP	<i>J. S.</i>
	R. CUMMINGS.....	<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

H. McCallum.	G. Hyde.
W. M. Blair.	A. C. McKenzie.
G. P. Nelson.	C. M. Dawson.
H. T. Lawrence.	C. A. Kent.
L. B. Archibald, Past Dist. Dep.	J. P. McDonald.
W. E. Logan.	W. B. Alley.
D. A. Fraser.	S. J. Waddell, G. L.

MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, J. M.	Davis, J. H.	McDonald, R.
Archibald, P. McG.	Gourley, S. E.	Miller, J. W.
Blenkinsopp, T. W.	Holmes, D.	Milne, J.
Burris, N.	Irving, J. R.	McDonald, G. W.
Buchanan, S.	Lewis, J.	Pitblado, J. McD.
Clark, T.	Laurie, J.	Peterson, P. A.
Clash, G.	Layton, Geo. B.	Richardson, W.
Caffrey, J.	Littlejohn, R.	Smith, E. A.
Currie, R. H.	McDowell, J.	Smith, T. B.
Craig, W.	McLeod, G.	Smith, G. W.
Davison, F. A.	McLeod, G.	Smith, M.
Dodson, A. S.	McLeod, G. M.	White, F. C.
Douglass, R. A.		

POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

HANTSPOET.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. M. TOYE	<i>W. M.</i>	J. A. TAYLOR	<i>S. D.</i>
C. COCHRAN	<i>S. W.</i>	E. W. DALTON	<i>J. D.</i>
J. BEAZLEY.....	<i>J. W.</i>	T. G. SUTHERLAND	<i>I. G.</i>
D. T. FAULKNER	<i>T.</i>	C. J. MARGESON.....	<i>S. S.</i>
J. W. LAWRENCE.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	W. A. PORTER	<i>J. S.</i>
S. H. MITCHENER..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

W. A. Porter.	C. J. Margeson.
J. W. Lawrence.	W. Sutherland.
W. E. Bligh.	D. E. North.
D. T. Faulkner.	

MASTER MASONS:

Barker, K. H.	Geitzler, C.	Mitchener, D.
Barker, G. E.	Hunter, J.	North, J. B.
Clements, H. W. B.	Layton, J. N.	Newcomb, A.
Coalfleet, G. M.	Lyon, G.	Smith, J. T.
Coalfleet, J.	Martin, M. H.	Toye, J. A.
Coffill, W. D.	McFatrledge, R. J.	Toye, W.
Davison, A.	Mitchener, A.	Toye, J. E.
Davison, C. S.	Mitchener, H.	

TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly No. 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

J. WILTON.....	<i>W. M.</i>	P. STUBBART.....	<i>S. D.</i>
B. WILSON.....	<i>S. W.</i>	G. KEIGAN.....	<i>J. D.</i>
J. MUNROE.....	<i>J. W.</i>	A. McQUARRIE	<i>I. G.</i>
W. CAMPBELL	<i>T.</i>	W. WILSON	<i>S. S.</i>
D. McAULAY	<i>Sec'y.</i>	A. McDONALD	<i>J. S.</i>
B. BURCHELL.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

D. G. McKay.	J. C. Mitchell.
A. McPherson.	A. McQuarrie.
W. McKay.	J. R. Blackett.
D. McVicar.	R. McNeil.
W. Campbell.	W. McLellan.
	G. Scott.

MASTER MASONS:

Adamson, J.	McAulay, P.	McQueen, H.
Bert, F. A.	McIsaac, N.	McKenzie, P.
Clark, W. H.	McKay, J. W.	McDonald, D.
Clark, W. A.	Munroe, D.	McDonald, A.
Forbes, Rev. J. A.	McKenzie, J.	Philips, J. B.
Gillis, A.	McKenzie, D. H.	Routledge, T.
Hillier, J. J.	McKeigan, D.	Routledge, E.
Haynes, G. J.	McKeigan, A.	Tutty, J.
Keigan, W.	McLean, L.	Wilson, W. D.
Lewis, G.	McMillan, D.	

SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19.

Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

(No returns.)

PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON.

Formerly No. 25.

Chartered December 11, 1868.

OFFICERS:

J. H. LYONS.....	<i>W. M.</i>	W. TREFRY	<i>S. D.</i>
J. M. SHAND	<i>S. W.</i>	C. GOREHAM	<i>J. D.</i>
A. WRAYTON	<i>J. W.</i>	O. TAYLOR.....	<i>M.</i>
J. P. TREFRY.....	<i>T.</i>	W. SMITH	<i>S. S.</i>
R. R. HOGG	<i>Sec'y.</i>	E. NICKERSON.....	<i>J. S.</i>
H. SHAND.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

J. N. Banks.

E. S. Gondy.

W. B. Hopkins.

MASTER MASONS:

Brennen, W. W.	Nickerson, S.	Nickerson, T.
Crowell, T. C.	Nickerson, H.	Shand, J.
Lyons, N.	Nickerson, E.	Swain, J. L.
Larkins, E.	Nickerson, Edw.	Smith, W.
Malone, S.		

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

RIVER PHILIP.

Formerly No. 22.

Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. HIGGS	<i>W. M.</i>	L. B. DONKIN	<i>S. D.</i>
T. HARRISON.....	<i>S. W.</i>	J. R. HYATT	<i>J. D.</i>
H. N. FILLMORE	<i>J. W.</i>	R. L. BLACK.....	<i>M.</i>
H. MOORING.....	<i>T.</i>	T. McELMON	<i>S.</i>
F. W. PATTON.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. C. PHILLIPS.....	<i>J. S.</i>
D. MORRISON.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

J. Powers.	H. N. Fillmore.
R. L. Black, P. G. W.	W. McKay.
J. C. Phillips.	A. Morrison.
F. W. Patton.	J. VanAmburg.

H. Mooring.

MASTER MASONS:

Dimock, D. W.	Matheson, T.	McKay, W.
McLean, W.		

ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 32 members affiliated with Burns Lodge, No. 10, March, 1877.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

WESTVILLE.

Formerly No. 24.

Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. H. REID.....	W. M.	A. W. MCLEOD.....	S. D.
D. MCGREGOR.....	S. W.	J. W. BURNEY.....	J. D.
F. H. S. CALNEK.....	J. W.	T. BLACKWOOD	M.
M. CONNORS.....	T.	C. L. SULLIVAN.....	S. S.
T. M. GRANT.....	Secy.	J. D. B. FRASER	J. S.
		D. K. McDONALD.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

T. Johnston.	J. Roy, Jr.
Alexander Lorimer, Sr.	R. White.
R. Gray.	A. W. McLeod.
W. Gray.	D. Munro.
J. McDougald.	M. Connors.
J. Johnston.	R. Fraser.
W. Lorimer, Sr.	C. L. Sullivan.
D. Carruthers.	A. W. H. McLeod.
J. Roy, Sr.	J. Gray, Sr.

MASTER MASONS:

Brown, J.	Gray, T. J.	McIntosh, J. H.
Beaton, N.	Glenn, A.	McKay, A., Junr.
Burrows, E.	Grant, T. M.	McKay, Murd.
Balfour, D.	Hayman, A.	McKenzie, G. W.
Bryden, W.	Hattie, A.	McLeod, D. D.
Conn, W.	Harris, H.	McLeod, J.
Conn, R.	Linton, D. M.	McLean, D.
Chappell, J.	Lorimer, W., Senr.	Ormiston, D.
Crawford, G.	Livingston, J.	Oxenham, J.
Conn, D.	Lorimer, A.	Potter, J., Jr.
Conn, J.	Lawther, T.	Potter, J.
Cowan, J.	Murkland, W.	Quick, J.
Crozier, J.	Murray, D.	Rundell, W. W.
Cameron, A.	Matheson, J.	Russell, H.
Cameron, H.	Matheson, H.	Roy, J., Senr.
Cameron, J. D.	Munro, C. H.	Roy, W.
Culton, S. A.	Munro, G. E.	Roy, H.
Douglas, A. P.	Maddin, W., Junr.	Roy, T.
Duff, J. J.	MacKay, J.	Redpath, J. B.
Dobson, T.	McBain, A. W.	Robertson, W.
Dunbar, J.	McDonald, R. A.	Sutherland, J. W., Sr.
Evans, J.	McDonald, D. P.	Sutherland, J. W., Jr.
Fraser, H.	McDonald, J. W.	Stewart, J.
Fraser, A. P.	McDonald, A. F.	Stewart, A. R.
Fraser, A.	McDonald, J.	White, J.
Fraser, W. J.	McDonald, W. C.	Wier, W.
Fraser, A. (Durham)	McElvie, G.	Walters, E.
Gray, J., Jr.	McGillvary, A.	Wilkes, J. S.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH.

Formerly No. 26.

Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. H. STERNS	W. M.	J. CHISHOLM	S. D.
C. McNAB	S. W.	W. C. WHIDDEN	J. D.
J. E. STERNS	J. W.	W. H. ISNOR	M.
W. H. WALKER	T.	J. CROOK	S. S.
F. C. BOWES	Sec'y.	J. A. YOUNG	S. S.
J. R. PATTERSON			Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

J. B. Coleman.	J. Simmonds.
J. R. Glendenning.	J. White.
W. Pearce.	J. H. Austen.
J. Halliday.	G. N. Roome.
A. McKay.	H. H. Harrison.

MASTER MASONS:

Baker, T. N.	Lehan, R. N.	Robertson, W.
Brown, H.	Leighton, R.	Ross, J.
Champion, J.	Moland, P.	Smith, F.
Cameron, W. G.	Moreash, T. E.	Spriggs, J. L.
Campbell, C.	Marks, A.	Spriggs, P.
Cunningham, N. F.	Montague, G.	Stevens, W. H.
Coates, W.	Marks, J.	Stewart, W.
Dares, S. B.	Marks, L. J.	Sutherland, J.
Dickson, R. D.	McAskill, D. A.	Thomas, R.
Hall J. H.	McDonald, J.	Tregedeeon, J.
Hefler, Lewis.	McQuarrie, G.	Williams, J.
Hosking, S.	Puttner, H.	Williams, W.
Isnor, W. H.	Patterson, W. J.	

HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27.

Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

JOS. ANDREWS.....	<i>W. M.</i>	A. E. EWING.....	<i>S. D.</i>
W. E. SAUNDERS.....	<i>S. W.</i>	J. B. ELLIOT.....	<i>J. D.</i>
R. E. SPINNEY.....	<i>J. W.</i>	G. MCGREGOR.....	<i>M.</i>
T. R. HARRIS.....	<i>T.</i>	D. E. DAVIDSON.....	<i>S. S.</i>
H. J. CHUTE.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	D. BERTRAM.....	<i>J. S.</i>
S. P. CHUTE.....	<i>Tyler.</i>		

PAST MASTERS:

D. Barteaux.	A. C. VanBuskirk.
D. E. Davison.	H. J. Chute.
Rev. R. Avery. P. D. G. M.	A. Ewing.
T. R. Harris, P. S. G. W.	W. K. Bennett.
H. E. Jefferson, Past Dist. Dep.	H. S. Jacques.
W. R. L. Foster.	C. W. Shaffner.

MASTER MASONS:

Bennett, C.	Graves, E. F.	Palmer, G.
Balcam, P. N.	Harris, G.	Parker, F. H.
Bent, D.	Harris, J.	Pelton, C. B.
Brown, W.	Harris, J. A.	Phinny, J. L.
Burns, A.	Harris, H. M.	Rockwell, J. G.
Bezanson, B.	Kirkpatrick, J. A.	Roach, A. M.
Bezanson, G.	Lee, A.	Russell, W.
Bezanson, I.	Mack, T. G.	Sanford, G. W.
Cogswell, B.	Margeson, N.	Slocomb, J. H. L.
Crocker, A.	Margeson, T.	Smith, G.
Clark, F. A.	Marshall, E. B.	Smith, A. W.
Dodge, J. W.	McBride, W.	Strong, F. L.
Dodge, S. J.	McMaster, J.	Swindle, S.
Davidson, R. E.	McNeil, H.	Tufts, T. A.
Eaton, C. E.	McIntyre, W.	Williamson, C.
Eaton, G. W.	Norwood, J. H.	White, J. H.
Finlay, H.	Neily, L. O.	Walker, W. C.
Foster, G.	Nichols, W. M.	Woodworth, A.
Foster, M. C.	Palmer, J.	

HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH

(No returns.)

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. F. SAUNDERS	W. M.	G. A. VEITS	S. D.
R. P. SAUNDERS	S. W.	E. S. MANN	J. D.
C. CLINTON	J. W.	A. MARSHALL	M.
J. DALEY	T.	W. BRABAZON	S. S.
R. C. CANN	Sec'y.	J. E. GILLILAND	J. S.
E. C. DODGE	Tyler.		

PAST MASTERS:

J. Daley, G. Pur.	R. G. Monroe.
G. A. Viets.	R. C. Cann.
J. F. Saunders.	D. J. Longstaff.

MASTER MASONS:

Beatie, S.	Leavitt, J. W.	Roberts, D.
Brown, J.	McLeod, J. H.	Saunders, Rev. J. H.
Cowan, J.	McNeil, G. R.	Vroom, I. H.
Everett, E.	Miner, W. H.	VanBlarcom, W.
Johnson, H. A.	Marshall, A.	Warner, H.

MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

R. A. H. McKEEN, M. D	W. M.	D. MCAULAY	S. D.
REV. W. J. LOCKYER	S. W.	J. MORRISON	J. D.
J. FERGUSSON	J. W.	S. E. LANDRY	M.
C. CARMICHAEL	T.	M. MCAULAY	S. S.
L. G. SPENCER	Sec'y.	T. R. ANTHONY	J. S.
J. McPHAIL	Tyler.		

PAST MASTERS :

L. Johnstone.
C. Archibald.
A. Belloni,

F. R. Anthony.
A. Kennedy.
D. McAulay.

MASTER MASONS :

Bown, W. W.
Bissett, J. D.
Dodd, M.

Mears, C.
Peters, S. E.

Walker, G.
Williams, H. C.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTH-EAST HARBOR.

Established 1867.

Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

(No returns.)

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. F. REEVES.....	<i>W. M.</i>	A. REEVES.....	<i>S. D.</i>
J. McKENZIE.....	<i>S. W.</i>	C. A. CRITTENDEN.....	<i>J. D.</i>
D. STEWART	<i>J. W.</i>	.....	<i>M.</i>
W. A. HATTIE	<i>T.</i>	J. LOURIE	<i>S. S.</i>
THOMAS WILSON	<i>Secy.</i>	J. H. CARR.....	<i>J. S.</i>
<i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Wylde.
J. Fraser.
J. J. Crittenden.

C. A. Crittenden.
J. D. Ross.
T. Wilson.

MASTER MASONS :

Grant, John

Peoples, James

Sutherland, Rev. D. S.

KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870.

Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

H. B. WEBSTER.....	W. M.	L. W. GODWIN.....	S, D.
H. S. DODGE.....	S. W.	M. S. CAMPBELL.....	J, D.
J. C. STARR.....	J. W.	J. S. McLEOD.....	I, G.
H. W. LYDIARD.....	T	H. P. MANNING.....	S. S.
H. A. PRAT.....	Sec'y.	W. L. BISHOP.....	J. S.
J. CAMPBELL..... Tyler.			

PAST MASTERS:

G. R. Sangster.	W. Grierson.
J. P. Chipman, Dist. Dep. G. M.	C. F. Cochran, P. D. G. M.
R. S. Marsters, J. G. W.	W. H. Chipman.
L. DeV. Chipman.	J. E. Mulloney.

MASTER MASONS:

Blanchard, G. F.	Eaton, W. P.	Ross, W. J.
Bailey, H. M.	Fitch, J. N.	Reid, W. D.
Cox, T. W.	Forsyth, G.	Ross, E. J.
Chipman, R.	Garrett, H.	Rupert, J. F.
Campbell, R. G.	Harrington, W.	Smith, T. T. Vernon.
Cogswell, W. G.	Killam, S.	Webster, E.
Davidson, D. D.	Lockwood, G. S.	Woodworth, D. B.
Dodge, C. L.	McLeod, I. S.	Yould, W.
Edwards, J.	Newcomb, I. G.	

MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

Consolidated with Albion Lodge, No. 5. August 27, 1871.

LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

PETITE RIVIERE.

CHARTER SURRENDERED JUNE, 1874.

CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

CHESTER.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

CHARLES BOND.....	<i>W. M.</i>	H. STANFORD.....	<i>S. D.</i>
CURREN SMITH.....	<i>S. W.</i>	A. G. MILLETT	<i>J. D.</i>
H. COLE	<i>J. W.</i>	A. J. FADER	<i>M.</i>
C. LOVITT	<i>T.</i>	M. EVANS	<i>S. S.</i>
D. EVANS	<i>Secy.</i>	A. HUBLEY	<i>J. S.</i>
A. EVANS..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

A. J. Hiltz.
W. Smith.

W. G. Lavers.
C. Lordley.

MASTER MASONS:

Church, W.
Corkum, D.
Cooney, P.
Chandler, W.
Eldridge, D.
Evans, M.

Gormand, T.
Hubley, J.
Hubley, A.
Johnson, R.
Millet, O.

Meisters, C.
Pierce, B.
Robinson, N.
Windrow, G. H.
Webber, D.

TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

LOCKEPORT.

Dispensation September 27, 1871.

Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

F. PAYZANT.....	<i>W. M.</i>	C. RINGER	<i>S. D.</i>
J. R. RUGGLES	<i>S. W.</i>	T. COHOON	<i>J. D.</i>
S. HARLOW	<i>J. W.</i>	W. JONES	<i>M.</i>
W. JOHNSTON	<i>T.</i>	J. YOUNG	<i>S. S.</i>
JACOB G. LOCKE	<i>Sec'y.</i>	L. JOHNSTON	<i>J. S.</i>
W. McMILLAN..... <i>Tyler.</i>			

PAST MASTERS:

W. Johnston.	F. Payzant.
L. McDonald.	J. G. Locke.
M. Brown.	J. E. Richardson.

MASTER MASONS:

Allen J. G.	Haddy, G.	McKenzie, J. S.
Banks, A. G.	Hiltz, John, Jr.	McDonald, R.
Belliveau, I.	Hiltz, G.	McDowell, W.
Cronan, D.	Hiltz, James C.	Madgwick, J.
Capstick, E. A.	Hiltz, A.	Purney, R.
Copeland, T.	Hiltz, R.	Payzant, N.
Craig, A.	Harrington, E. W.	Saunders, H.
Dexter, J.	Locke, G. J.	Skerry, E. J.
Eisenhaner, J. W.	Locke, S.	Stephenson, R.
Firth, J.	Lloyd, J.	Stalker, G.
Fraser, D.	McGowan, J. A.	Stephens, H.
Freeman, W. S.	McGinn, J.	Swan, J.
Gibbons, S.	McAdams, D.	Williams, T.
Harding, E. J.	McKenzie, J.	

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

GREAT VILLAGE.

Dispensation dated October 26, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

M. COOK	<i>W. M.</i>	A. S. D. FULTON.....	<i>S. D.</i>
W. G. SPENCER	<i>S. W.</i>	S. LINDSAY.....	<i>J. D.</i>
J. A. FRASER	<i>J. W.</i>	G. LEWIS	<i>I. G.</i>
R. McLEOD.....	<i>T.</i>	F. FULMORE.....	<i>S. S.</i>
REV. T. B. LAYTON.....	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. A. HILL	<i>J. S.</i>
D. F. LAYTON.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS :

J. L. Peppard.	J. A. Hill.
S. Lindsay.	J. M. Spencer.
A. Flemming.	Rev. T. B. Layton, G. C.
D. F. Layton.	J. A. Crossman.

A. S. D. Fulton.

MASTER MASONS :

Armstrong, Rev. J. J.	McKenzie, T. F.	McDonald, M.
Corbett, A. D.	McKenzie, H. F.	Purdy, T. W.
Coldwell, G. O.	McLean, G.	Spencer, D. V.
Fountain, A.	McLaughlin, S. A.	Vance, L.
Goodwin, G.	McCombie, M.	Webster, R.
Lewis, G. W.	Morrison, D. F.	Zwicker, G.

RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

ARICHAT, C. B.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5th, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. G. CLOUGH	<i>W. M.</i>	G. J. ANDREW.....	<i>S. D.</i>
J. R. THOMSON	<i>S. W.</i>	J. V. SHAW	<i>J. D.</i>
P. CAMPBELL	<i>J. W.</i>	M. J. MURPHY	<i>M.</i>
E. E. BINET	<i>T.</i>	J. MORRISON	<i>S. S.</i>
P. GRUCHY	<i>Sec'y.</i>	F. McPHERSON	<i>J. S.</i>
A. McDONALD		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

W. R. Cutler, Past Dist. Dep.	P. Campbell.
J. G. Clough.	G. J. Andrew.
J. B. Thomson.	J. J. Clough.

MASTER MASONS:

Bosdet, P.	Gruchy, P. W.	Kuster, J.
Cutler, M. F.	Rindress, J. H.	McCuish, A. J.
Fixott, H. J.	Finlayson, D.	LeVesconte, W.

FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

FREEPORT.

Charter forfeited by resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1879.

SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1872.

Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. McINTOSH	<i>W. M.</i>	J. CARMICHAEL	<i>S. D.</i>
T. AUSTIN	<i>S. W.</i>	J. McKINNON	<i>J. D.</i>
L. J. HART	<i>J. W.</i>	E. SWAINE	<i>I. G.</i>
P. A. McLEAN	<i>T.</i>	H. McDONALD	<i>S. S.</i>
JAMES McPHAIL	<i>Sec'y.</i>	J. N. McDONALD	<i>J. S.</i>
N. MCAULAY		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

P. A. McLean.	N. McAulay.
L. J. Hart.	E. Swaine.
G. McKenzie.	J. McPhail.

A. A. Munro.

MASTER MASONS :

Campbell, D.	Hart, J. S.	McKinnon, D.
Cameron, J. D.	McLean, H.	McQuien, D. J.
Finlayson, R. A.	McKinnon, D. H.	

MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

PARRSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872.

Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. S. TOWNSHEND.....	W. M.	W. J. GIBSON.....	S. D.
R. LIVINGSTON	S. W.	W. COLE.....	J. D.
C. F. LOASBY.....	J. W.	S. JENKS	I. G.
R. E. TUCKER ...	T.	B. DEWOLFE KING.....	S. S.
JOHN A. McDONALD	Sec'y.	W. N. THEALE.....	J. S.
D. MASON.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS :

Rev. C. Bowman, Dist. Dep., G. M., G. C.	S. Jenks.
A. S. Townshend.	W. J. Gibson.
J. L. Corbett.	J. W. Layton.

W. Cole.

MASTER MASONS :

Cameron, J. W.	Elliot, H.	Livingston, G. S.
Collins, J. E.	Iatkin, J.	Moore, S.
Corbett, A. L.	Hatfield, C.	Moore, W.
Corbett, J. A.	Huntley, R.	Munro, H. W.
Crane, J.	Howard, C.	Robinson, W.
Dean, J.	Knowlton, E.	Thompson, J. R.
Durant, W.	Knowlton, B. M.	

CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

HOPEWELL.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873.

Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. M. DUNBAR	<i>W. M.</i>	V. L. WILLIAMS.....	<i>S. D.</i>
C. R. WILLIAMS	<i>S. W.</i>	D. FRASER.....	<i>J. D.</i>
A. ORMESTON.....	<i>J. W.</i>	A. FRASER	<i>M.</i>
D. H. FRASER	<i>T.</i>	D. H. McLEAN.....	<i>S. :</i>
H. GRAY	<i>Sec'y.</i>	T. McDONALD	<i>J. S.</i>
T. H. MUNRO.....		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

J. F. McDonald, P. G. W.	A. Grant.
D. H. Fraser.	D. Fraser.
T. McDonald.	D. H. McLean.
A. Ormeston.	

MASTER MASONS:

Cameron, D. A.	Grant, P. J.	McLeod, T.
Fraser, I.	McDonald, D.	McLeod, D.
Fraser, A.	McDonald, Alex. D.	McLean, A.
Gray, F.	McDonald, A. D.	McKay, T.
Grant, A.	Murray, M. K.	

CHARITY LODGE, No 69.

MAHONE BAY.

Dispensation granted December 22, 1874.

Chartered March, 1877.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. BURGOYNE.....	<i>W. M.</i>	H. HILTZ	<i>S. D.</i>
C. HAM.....	<i>S. W.</i>	W. SHUPE	<i>J. D.</i>
A. HILTZ	<i>J. W.</i>	Z. M. HEYSON.....	<i>M.</i>
C. GRAY.....	<i>T.</i>	J. M. MILLS.....	<i>S. S.</i>
J. HAM	<i>Sec'y.</i>	E. M. HEYSON	<i>J. S.</i>
J. ANDREWS .		<i>Tyler.</i>	

PAST MASTERS:

S. Burgoyne.
C. Gray.
J. W. Mills.

Z. M. Heyson.
J. M. Ruhland.
J. Holman.

MASTER MASONS:

Baggott, J.
Dauphinee, S.
Ernst, C.
Ham, B.
Heyson, A.
Hiltz, J.
Hiltz, N.
Holman, J.

Langille, J.
McDonald, D. S.
Nichol, T. G.
Nicholas, T. Y.
Nelson, P. A.
Nass, J. O.
Ruhland, J. M.

Reeves, J.
Strum, E.
Strum, L.
Slaughenwhite, G. A.
Wentzell, J.
Winters, J.
Zwicker, C. A.

LAURIE LODGE, No. 70.

SPRING HILL.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875.

Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. A. McKINNON	W. M.	S. D. McDONALD	S. D.
H. SUTHERLAND	S. W.	J. FERGUSON	J. D.
D. A. DICKSON.....	J. W.	.....	L. G.
C. B. HEWSON	T.	D. S. ROSS	S. S.
JAMES B. McDONALD	Sec'y.	T. C. FAULDS ..	J. S.
H. SWIFT.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

J. W. Cove.
H. Swift.
S. D. Fraser.
A. J. Munroe.

C. B. Hewson.
R. H. Cooper.
A. C. McKinnon.
W. Conway.

MASTER MASONS:

Bent, E. A.
Boss, H. S.
Cameron, A.
Cargig, W.
Dixon, W. H.
Dunn, G.
Fraser, Simon

Fraser, J. J.
Fraser, W.
Leadbetter, Asa
McPhail, A.
McDonald, D.
Morrison, M.

Morrison, J.
Rielly, H.
Rielly, J.
Ryan, W. T.
Stewart, A. E.
Seaton, J. W.

GRANVILLE LODGE, No. 71.

NEW CALEDONIA.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875.

Chartered June 7, 1876.

This Lodge amalgamated with Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, Feb' 1887.

EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, No. 72.

GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875.

Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY.

OFFICERS :

E. F. HART.....	W. M.	L. E. HART	S. D.
J. J. SANGSTER	S. W.	C. HANSON	J. D.
D. J. WILLIAMS	J. W.	W. J. WEBBER	M.
W. WHITMAN	T.	M. C. SCOTT	S. S.
A. J. O. MAGUIRE	Secy.	D. A. SANGSTER	J. S.
G. W. SCOTT.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS :

R. A. Tremain.	J. S. Hutcheson.
G. W. Scott.	M. C. Scott.
A. J. O. Maguire.	L. E. Hart.
W. S. Peart.	G. Y. Grant.

MASTER MASONS:

Atwater, S. J.	Hull, J.	Matthews, R. T.
Atwater, C. J.	Hughes, R. J.	Myers, J. J.
Atwater, J. J.	Horton, W. S.	Myers, J. C.
Brown, W. J.	Jamieson, L.	Peart, E. C.
Bruce, W. H.	Kirby, J. W.	Roberts, T. C.
Carr, G. C.	Lathem, C.	Roberts, A.
Dickenson, S. S.	Marshall, C. J.	Scott, G. F.
Fenn, S. H.	Myers, W. D.	Sutherland, J.
Feltmate, O. N.	Morrison, R. H.	Tanner, G. D.
Graham, D.		

IONIC LODGE, No. 73.

LAWRENCETOWN.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875.

Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. P. DODGE.....	W. M.	N. F. MARSHALL.....	S. D.
W. W. DODGE	S. W.	R. D. WEAVER	J. D.
J. H. CHUTE.....	J. W.	D. FEINDEL.....	M.
J. A. SPONAGLE.....	T.	A. J. MORRISON.....	S. S.
W. R. MATTHEWS	Sec'y.	J. H. CHARLTON.....	J. S.
S. N. MILLER.....		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

F. Leavitt.	D. Feindel.
W. Roach.	N. G. Charlton.
T. R. Ilsley.	J. H. Charlton.

MASTER MASONS:

Barteaux, A. B.	Phinney, N. H.	Weaver, R. D.
Fenerty, M.	Reagh, F.	Whitman, L. L.
Fitzrandolf, W.	Stephenson, A.	Whitman, D.
Marshall, A.	Weaver, H. P.	Whitman, W. L.
Parkes, A.		

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 74.

ACADIA IRON MINES.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875.

Chartered June 7, 1876.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. A. LOGAN	W. M.	T. E. ATKINS	S. D.
G. W. COX	S. W.	A. D. DRUMMOND	J. D.
J. ESAU	J. W.	W. R. PARKER	M.
R. CHOAK	T.	D. FURGUSON	S. S.
M. J. DOCHERTY	Sec'y.	J. R. MAXWELL	J. S.
J. URQUHART		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

I. D. Cook.	J. W. Macdonald.
J. Kerr.	Rev. J. A. Logan, G. C.
J. Bryant.	T. E. Atkins.
M. J. Docherty.	

MASTER MASONS:

Brodie, P.	Hoskins, J. J.	Pearce, T.
Cox, J. H.	Hutchinson, W.	Rutherford, T.
Cockell, J.	Langdon, R.	Redmon, J. D.
Cristie, J. B.	Macdonald, W. C.	Stephens, R. C. R.
Davis, W.	Morrell, H.	Smith, W.
Fletcher, R. P.	Park, F.	Tucker, G.
Foreman, J.	Pearce, H.	Thompson, P., Jun.
Hoskins, S.	Perry, J.	

WIMBURN LODGE, No. 75.

OXFORD.

Dispensation granted October 19, 1877.

Chartered June 6, 1878.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. DUNSMORE	W. M.	W. OXLEY	S. D.
A. McINTOSH	S. W.	H. S. SMITH	J. D.
J. W. WOOD	J. W.	I. HINGLEY	I. G.
T. H. PATTEN	T.	G. L. PURDY	S. S.
J. H. TREEN	Sec'y.	J. HENLEY	J. S.
A. COLBURN		Tyler.	

PAST MASTERS:

I. J. Hingley.	A. Colburn.
W. Oxley.	T. H. Patten.
H. S. Smith.	J. H. Treen.
J. Robb.	J. C. McDougali.

MASTER MASONS:

Colburn, A.	Mattison, I.	Smith, W.
Doyle, J.	Reid, J.	Thompson, A.

WALLACE LODGE, No. 76.

WALLACE.

Dispensation granted October 24, 1879.

Chartered June 2, 1880.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. M. PEERS.....	W. M.	J. A. SEAMAN.....	S. D.
J. H. STEVENS	S. W.	G. BATTYE	J. D.
F. BATTYE	J. W.	R. BLAIR	I. G.
P. M. PEERS.....	T.	D. C. McKIM	S. S.
FRANK L. DOBSON	Sec'y.	D. G. McKENZIE.....	J. S.
A. D. ARCHIBALD			

PAST MASTERS:

J. L. McKim.

A. M. Peers.

J. D. Munroe.

J. A. Seaman.

MASTER MASONS:

Baillie, J. M.	Harrison, W.	McKay, Z. A.
Chambers, J. T.	Huestis, S. O.	Nicholson, M.
Campbell, G. T.	Lantz, J. H.	Stevens, J. B.
Crawford, H. W.	McLellan, B.	Steele, J. A.
Dotten, A. B. C.	McQueen, J.	Wood, D.

HUDSON LODGE, No. 77.

VALE COLLIERY, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation May 15, 1881.

Chartered June 7, 1882.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

P. McMILLAN	W. M.	R. MURRAY.....	S. D.
H. McDONALD	S. W.	A. W. REID	J. D.
T. W. TURNBULL.....	J. W.	J. C. MUNRO.....	I. G.
W. E. G. BROWN.....	T.	D. McIVER	S. S.
F. A. ANLEY.....	Sec'y.	R. McDONALD	J. S.
H. McKINNON.....			

PAST MASTERS:

D. Gameron.	R. W. McDonald.
A. Sleigh.	H. McKinnon.
D. McGillivray.	R. Murray.

MASTER MASONS:

Appleton, J.	McIntosh, J.	McKinnon, C. A.
McMillan, J. D.	McDonald, G. W. B.	Scott, M.
McMillan, D.	McDonald, A.	Weir, W.

MECHANICS LODGE, U. D.
CALEDONIA, QUEENS CO.

Dispensation June 1st, 1887.

MEETS ON THE

OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. CHUTE.....	W. M.	W. B. HARLOW.....	S. D.
R. F. TELFER.....	S. W.	C. HARLOW.....	J. D.
T. TELFER	J. W.	.....	I. G.
M. F. DOUGLAS	T.	.....	S. S
W. H. COLE.....	Sec'y.	.....	J. S
J. PATTERSON.....		Tyler.	

MASONIC DISTRICTS.

FIRST DISTRICT, HALIFAX CO.

R. W. T. TRENAMAN, M. D, Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where Held.</i>
St. Andrew's	1	Halifax.
St. John's.....	2	"
Virgin	3	"
Loyal Sussex	6	"
Burns	10	"
Acadia	14	"
Athole	15	"
Keith.....	17	"
Union.....	18	"
Lodge of St. Mark.....	38	"
Eastern Star	51	Dartmouth.
Eureka	42	Sheet Harbor.

SECOND DISTRICT, HANTS AND KING'S CO'S.

R. W. J. P. CHIPMAN, Kentville, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Welsford	26	Windsor.
Poyntz	44	Hantsport.
St. George's	20	Wolfville.
Scotia	28	Canning.
Kentville	58	Kentville.
Harmony	52	Aylesford.

THIRD DISTRICT, ANNAPOLIS AND DIGBY CO'S.

R. W. E. E. TUPPER, Bear River, Dist, Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Ionic	73	Middleton.
Rothsay	41	Bridgetown.
Annapolis	33	Annapolis.
King Solomon	54	Digby.
Keith	16	Bear River.

FOURTH DISTRICT, YARMOUTH AND SHELBURNE CO'S.

R. W. N. W. WHITE, Shelburne, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Hiram	12	Yarmouth.
Scotia	31	"
Albert	30	Shelburne.
Concord	24	Cape Island.
Harmony	56	North-East Harbor.
Taylor	62	Lockport.
Philadelphia	47	Barrington.

FIFTH DISTRICT, QUEEN'S AND LUNENBURG CO'S.

R. W. D. M. OWEN, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Zetland	9	Liverpool.
Prince of Wales	29	Milton.
Unity	4	Lunenburg.
Acacia	39	Bridgewater.
Clarke	61	Chester.
Charity	69	Mahone Bay.
Mechanics	U. D.	Caledonia.

SIXTH DISTRICT, CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER CO'S.

R. W. REV. CHARLES BOWMAN, D.D., Parrsborough, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Acacia	8	Amherst.
Laurie	70	Spring Hill.
Minas	67	Parrsboro'.
Widow's Son	48	River Philip.
Wimburn	75	Oxford.
Acadia	13	Pugwash.
Wallace	76	Wallace.
Corinthian	63	Great Village.
North Star	74	Acadia Iron Mines.
Truro	43	Truro.

SEVENTH DISTRICT, PICTOU AND ANTIGONISH CO'S.

R. W. J. A. GORDON, Pictou, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
New Caledonia	11	Pictou.
Albion	5	New Glasgow.
Hudson	77	Vale Colliery.
Keith	23	Stellarton.
Western Star	50	Westville.
Curren	68	Hopewell.

EIGHTH DISTRICT, GUYSBORO' AND RICHMOND CO'S.

R. W. A. McDONALD, Sherbrooke, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Eldorado	32	Wine Harbor.
Queen's	34	Sherbrooke.
Hiram	53	Goldenville.
Eastern Light	72	Guysborough.
Temple	57	Port Mulgrave.
Solomon	46	Pt. Hlawkesb'y, C.B.
Richmond	64	Arichat, C. B.

NINTH DISTRICT, CAPE BRETON, VICTORIA AND INVERNESS CO'S.

R. W. W. PROCTOR, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Morien	55	Cow Bay.
Thistle	36	"
Tyrian Youth	45	Little Glace Bay.
Royal Albert	19	North Sydney.
St. Andrew's	7	Sydney.
St. Mark's	35	Baddeck.
Sircom	66	Whycocomagh.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.—February 1, 1887.....	John D. Peakes.
St. John's, No. 2.—March 7, 1887	John E. Fielding.
" " " "	Thomas E. Cooke.
" " " "	C. R. Barry.
" " April 4, 1887	I. J. Wylde.
St. Andrew's, No. 7.—January 18, 1887	R. J. Coleman.
" " " "	James B. Florian.
" " " "	John V. Lewis.
" " " "	F. G. Muggah.
" " " "	F. A. Liscomb.
Acacia, No. 8.—July 1, 1886	J. C. Barnes.
" " May 5, 1887	Edward Brownell.
" " " "	G. P. Rodgers.
Zetland, No. 9.—May 18, 1887	E. J. Thompson.
" " " "	J. N. S. Marshall.
" " " "	Arod Beals.
" " " "	F. F. Forbes.
" " " "	William Ritchie.
Burns, No. 10.—March, 1887	John B. Butcher.
" " " "	Edward Mansfield.
" " " "	John G. Maskell.
" " " "	Walter E. Stoddard.

New Caledonia, No. 11.—December 14, 1886	....	D. N. Murray.
“ “ “ “	....	Colin McDonald.
Hiram, No. 12.—May 2, 1887	....	Norman A. Wyman.
“ “ “ “	....	James J. Lovitt.
“ “ “ “	....	George Bingay.
“ “ “ “	....	Samuel C. Hood.
“ “ “ “	....	William V. Brown.
“ “ “ “	....	Robert Spears.
Acadia, No. 14.—September 13, 1886	....	J. F. McAlpine.
Keith, No. 16.—March 7, 1887	....	William McFadden.
“ “ “ “	....	George W. Benson.
“ “ “ “	....	Henry Crosby.
“ “ “ “	....	Burpee Rice.
Union, No. 18.—March 21, 1887	....	Thomas J. Irving.
“ “ “ “	....	Jacob Morris.
“ “ “ “	....	John A. Sweeney.
Concord, No. 21.—April, 1887	....	J. B. Brown.
Welsford, No. 26.—April 13, 1887	....	G. W. Smith.
Queen's, No. 34.—May 17, 1887	....	John A. Stewart.
Thistle, No. 36.—May 7, 1887	....	Malcolm McKinnon.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.—March 11, 1887	....	G. E. Burrows.
“ “ “ “	....	J. W. Caldwell.
Acacia, No. 39.—April 12, 1887	....	James E. Artz.
Philadelphia, No. 47.—April 6, 1887	....	James F. Coffin.
Widow's Son, No. 48.—May 16, 1886	....	J. W. Snow.
“ “ “ “	....	J. W. Johnson.
“ “ “ “	....	Angus McPherson.
King Solomon, No. 54.—May 4, 1887	....	Roland Morehouse.
“ “ “ “	....	Charles R. Barr.
“ “ “ “	....	Charles N. Darcy.
Morien, No. 55.—July, 5, 1886	....	C. E. Rées.
Temple, No. 57.—February, 1887	....	Edward Vigneau.
Kentville, No. 58.—May 11, 1887	....	Peter Smith.
“ “ “ “	....	Andrew Wood.
Taylor, No. 62.—March 22, 1887	....	P. R. Peters.
“ “ “ “	....	Colin McKay.
Corinthian, No. 63.—March 10, 1887	....	Isaac B. Morrison.
Sircom, No. 66.—March 3, 1887	....	Angus McPhail.
“ “ “ “	....	Walter McDonald.
“ “ “ “	....	Hugh Chisholm.
North Star, No. 74.—April 7, 1887	....	Alexander Dewar.
“ “ “ “	....	Thomas Delay.
Wimburn, No. 75.—April 22, 1887	....	Hugh McIntosh.
“ “ “ “	....	E. Archibald.
“ “ “ “	....	John McCulloch.

REINSTATED.

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Zetland, No. 9.—April 28, 1887.....	W. S. Crocker.
“ “ “	H. A. Wright.
“ “ Sept. 23, 1886	T. B. Middlemas.
Hiram, No. 12.—Feb. 7, 1887	James Foster.
Prince of Wales, No. 29.—Jan. 11, 1887	James B. Hunt.
“ “ “	W. T. Freeman.
“ “ “	Charles Harlow.
“ “ “	Thomas Telfer.
“ “ Feb. 8, 1887	Richard Hunt.
“ “ “	Thomas Hunt.
“ “ Apr. 13, 1887	Myer Moss.
Albert, No. 3.—Feb. 9, 1887.....	Matthew E. Divine.
“ “	William P. Dexter.
“ “	Robt. E. Etherington.
“ “ 25	John C. Dall.
“ “	Thomas Dall.
“ “	George McKay.
“ March 9, ...	John A. McGowan.
“ April 15, ...	Jacob L. Jones.
“ “	Caleb E. Allen.
Queen's, No. 34.—October 8, 1886.....	Martin McGowan.
“ January 25, 1887	James Dickson.
“ November 9, 1886.....	William E. Pye.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.—March 11, 1887	John H. Ferris.
Acacia, No. 39.—February 8, 1887.....	James Fraser.
Rothsay, No. 41.—February 3, 1887.....	C. S. Marshall.
Philadelphia, No. 47.—October 6, 1887	E. Larkin.
Western Star, No. 50.—November 9, 1886.....	Ralph Turner.

MISSING.

St. Andrew's, No. 1.....	William G. Thomas.
Albion, No. 5.....	James W. Fraser.
“ “	James McDonald.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.....	William H. Wills.
St. Andrew's, No. 7.....	Angus Ferguson.
“ “	G. M. Baker.

St. Andrew's, No. 7	Samuel Peters.
Burns, No. 10	John H. Lowe.
“ “	Ranold Morrison.
New Caledonia, No. 11	J. A. C. Green.
“ “	Hugh Forbes.
“ “	L. P. Fowler.
“ “	J. F. Carmichael.
“ “	C. W. McQuarrie.
“ “	Charles Ott.
“ “	R. McDonald.
“ “	Alex. McKenzie.
Acadia, No. 14	J. H. Clausen.
“ “	Alex. McCuish.
“ “	E. G. Preston.
Athole, No. 15	Almona Mosher.
“ “	William E. Wiswell.
“ “	J. F. Elliot.
“ “	C. F. Cox.
“ “	William Healey.
Keith, No. 16	George A. Waux.
“ “	William B. Hogan.
Union, No. 18	Alex. James.
Royal Albert, No. 19	Daniel Cameron.
“ “	John J. Morgan.
“ “	Richard Wilson.
Keith, No. 23	Thomas Brewis.
“ “	Robert McIntosh.
“ “	Robert M. Ross.
“ “	Rev. Isaac Thurlow.
Welsford, No. 26	Robie Miller.
“ “	John H. Harte.
Eldorado, No. 32	John Ballentine.
Annapolis Royal { Members of Granville, No. 71, now }	Albert W. Wade.
“ { amal'ated with Annapolis Royal. }	Daniel Riordan.
Queen's, No. 34	Donald A. Clark.
“ “	William Clark.
“ “	James Drake.
“ “	R. W. Suttis.
“ “	James W. McIntosh.
Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38	W. F. Chase.
Acacia, No. 39	Charles H. Chase.
“ “	William Lyons.
Eureka, No. 42	William J. McKenzie.
Truro, No. 43	J. W. McKay.

Tyrian Youth, No. 45.....	A. U. Marshall.
“ “	Neil McPherson.
“ “	Angus Morrison.
Western Star, No. 50.....	Richard Gundall.
“ “	Raymond N. Hyde.
“ “	Hibbert Hubley.
“ “	William Vaughan.
Minas, No. 67.....	Stephen Knowlton.
Eastern Light, No. 72.....	Alex. Walsh.
“ “	Richard W. Baynon.
Ionic, No. 73.....	J. H. Weaver.
“ “	A. W. Stone.
North Star, No. 74.....	Samuel C. Ellis.
Wallace, No. 76.....	G. C. Cooper.

AT REST.

Launcelot John Bland.	Virgin, No. 3	.....	Died May 22, 1886.
Charles M. Smeltzer	.. Unity, No. 4	.....	Died
Chas. W. H. Kaulback..	"	.....	Died July 4, 1886.
Charles Arenburgh	....	"	..... Died Oct. 10, 1886.
Alex. Fraser	 Albion, No. 5	.....	Died Jan. 24, 1887.
N. L. McKay	 St. Andrew's, No. 7	....	Died May 20, 1886.
Peter Morrison	.....	"	..... Died Feb. 23, 1887.
Peter Nichol	 Acacia, No. 8	.....	Died May, 1886.
Nathan Tupper	.....	"	..... Died Sept., 1886
Arthur C. Parker	 Zetland, No. 9	.....	Died March 3, 1887.
Charles Firth	....	"	..... Died
Henry McInnis	 Burns, No. 10	.....	Died Oct. 28, 1886.
William Salter	.....	"	..... Died March 31, 1887.
H. Kirkwood	 New Caledonia, No. 11	.....	Died Jan. 8, 1887.
S. J. Cameron	.....	"	Died March, 1887.
D. S. Stirling	.....	"	Died March, 1887.
Frank Allen	 Acadia, No. 13	.....	Died
Rev. Monson H. Smith	.. Keith, No. 17	.....	Died Sept. 5, 1886.
William Moody	.....	"	..... Died Oct. 20, 1886.
Benjamin Buffett	 Royal Albert, No. 19	..	Died March 3, 1887.
Charles Holmes	 Keith, No. 23	.....	Died Oct. 11, 1886.
William Fraser	.....	"	..... Died Oct. 25, 1886.
William Ross	.....	"	..... Died Nov. 1, 1886.
George C. Wiggins	 Welsford, No. 26	.....	Died Aug., 1886.
Daniel Mosher	.....	"	..... Died April 19, 1887.
Henry A. Borden	 Scotia, No. 28	.....	Died March 25, 1887.
George E. Brownie	 Albert, No. 30	.....	Died Aug. 21, 1886.
William Pendrigh	 Scotia, No. 31	.....	Died Aug. 28, 1886.
Alex. McGrath	 Eldorado, No. 32	.....	Died June 15, 1886.
Zeba H. Hewett	 Queen's, No. 34	.....	Died Dec. 14, 1886.
J. W. Howell	 L. of St. Mark, No. 38	...	Died Feb., 1887.
George Saunders	 Western Star, No. 50	..	Died March 22, 1887.
R. Winton Smith	 Clarke, No. 61	.....	Died Feb. 14, 1887.
J. Woodbury	 Ionic, No. 73	.....	Died Sept. 10, 1886.
James D. Munro	 Wallace, No. 76	.....	Died April 22, 1887.

In Memory

OF

R. W. Bro. Henry C. D. Twining,

Past Master of St. John's Lodge, and for many years
Grand Secretary of the English District
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ALSO, PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN OF THE ENGLISH
DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, AND OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,

WHO DIED AT HALIFAX, N. S., JAN. 23, 1887.

“Universally known as an upright man and Mason he is
universally regretted.”

In Memory
OF
R. W. Bro. NATHAN TUPPER,
Past Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 8.
AND
PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
WHO DIED AT AMHERST, N. S., SEPT., 1886.

“In his native town his memory will be treasured as a genial friend, an upright mason, and a worthy citizen.”

RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20TH, 1887.

Chartered Lodges.....	66
Lodges failing to make returns.....	3
Whole Number Initiated	173
" " Passed.....	149
" " Raised.....	160
" " Affiliated.....	45
" " Dimitted	116
" " Died	37
" " Missing	60
" " Suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	0
" " Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	60
" " Reinstated	32
" " Rejected	25
" " Master Masons in Lodges reporting.....	2940

Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.

Registry of England.

St. Andrew's, (Halifax)
 St. John's.
 Virgin.
 Unity.
 Albion.
 Royal Sussex.
 St. Andrew's, (Sydney.)
 Zetland.
 New Caledonia.
 Hiram.
 Acadia.
 Keith, (Bear River.)
 Union.
 St. George's.
 Keith, (Stellarton.)
 Westport.
 Welsford.
 Widow's Friend.
 Scotia, (Canning.)
 Prince of Wales.
 Annapolis Royal.
 Thistle.
 Cobequid.
 Tyrian Youth.
 Rothsay.

Registry of Nova Scotia.

Burns.
 Athole.
 Keith.
 Scotia, (Halifax)
 Davies.
 Albert.
 Concord.
 St. Mark's.
 Queen's.
 The Lodge of St. Mark.
 Eureka.
 Acacia.
 Truro.
 Eldorado.
 Scotia, (Yarmouth.)
 Royal Albert.
 Solomon.
 Acacia.
 Poyntz.
 Widow's Son.
 Orient.
 Western Star.
 Philadelphia.
 Eastern Star.
 Harmony.

Registry of Scotland.

Athole.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, JUNE, 1887.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	TOWN.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dismissed.	Died.	Missing.	Suspended— unmasonic conduct.	Suspended— non-paym ^t of dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Members.	G. Lodge Dues.
1	St. Andrew's	Halifax ..	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	55	41 25
2	St. John's	Halifax ..	0	1	1	0	7	1	0	0	5	1	0	48	36 00
3	Virgin	Halifax ..	3	3	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	61	45 75
4	Unity	Lunenburg ..	8	9	9	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	52	39 00
5	Albion	New Glasgow ..	5	3	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	119	88 50
6	Royal Sussex	Halifax ..	7	5	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	31 50
7	St. Andrew's	Sydney	5	6	8	2	5	2	3	0	5	0	0	71	53 25
8	Acacia	Amherst	11	1	8	4	6	2	0	0	3	0	0	60	45 00
9	Zeland	Liverpool ..	1	0	0	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	33 00
10	Burns	Halifax ..	4	3	2	1	4	2	0	0	5	3	0	82	61 50
11	New Caledonia	Pictou	2	2	2	2	4	3	8	0	4	0	0	102	76 50
12	Hiram	Yarmouth ..	4	3	3	2	5	0	0	0	6	1	2	54	40 50
13	Acadia	Pugwash ..	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	21 75
14	Acadia	Halifax ..	7	6	4	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	58	43 50
15	Ahole	Halifax ..	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	46	34 50
16	Keith	Bear River ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	31	23 25
17	Keith	Halifax ..	6	5	3	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	57	42 75
18	Union	Halifax ..	7	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	42	31 50
19	Royal Albert	Sydney	2	1	0	1	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	49	36 75
20	St. George's	Wolfeville ..	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	18 75
23	Keith	Stellarton ..	6	6	7	1	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	66	43 50
24	Concord	Cape Island ..	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	21 75

26	Welsford	Windsor	5	6	3	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	69	51 75
28	Scotia	Canning	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	21 75
29	Prince of Wales	Milton	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	55	41 25
30	Albert	Shelburne	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	9	0	42	31 50
31	Scotia	Yarmouth	6	6	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	35 25
32	Eldorado	Wine Harbor	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	25	18 75
33	Annapolis Royal	Annapolis	3	4	4	19	8	1	2	0	0	0	60	45 00
34	Queen's	Sherbrooke	4	3	4	0	2	1	5	0	3	0	71	53 25
35	St. Mark's	Baddeck, C. B.	4	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	40	30 00
36	Thistle	Cow Bay, C. B.	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	32 25
38	Lodge of St. Mark	Halifax	4	3	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	50	37 50
39	Acacia	Bridgewater	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	39	29 25
41	Rothsay	Bridgetown	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	34	25 50
42	Eureka	Sheet Harbor	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	55	41 25
43	Truro	Truro	6	3	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	62	46 50
44	Poyntz	Hantsport	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	27 75
45	Tyrian Youth	Little Glace Bay	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	36 00
46	Solomon	Port Hawkesbury	7	8	7	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
47	Philadelphia	Barrington Passage ..	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	19 50
48	Widow's Son	River Philip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	17	14 25
50	Western Star	Westville	7	5	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	109	81 75
51	Eastern Star	Dartmouth	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	58	43 50
52	Harmony	Aylesford	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74	55 50
53	Hiram	Goldenville												
54	King Solomon	Digby	4	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	28	21 00
55	Morien	Cow Bay, C. B.	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	16 50
56	Harmony	North East Harbour ..												
57	Temple	Port Mulgrave	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	15	11 25
58	Kentville	Kentville	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	44	33 00
61	Clarke	Chester	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	28	21 00
62	Taylor	Lockeport	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	55	41 25
63	Corinthian	Londonderry ..	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	34	25 50
64	Richmond	Arichat, C. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15 75
66	Sircom	Whycocomagh, C. B. ..	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15 75
67	Minas	Parrsboro'	2	1	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	34	25 50

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS—(Continued.)

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68	Curren.....	Hopewell	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	19 50
69	Charity	Mahone Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	24 75
70	Laurie	Spring Hill.....	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	27 00
72	Eastern Light	Guysborough	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	32 25
73	Ionic	Middleton	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	28	20 25
74	North Star	Acadia Mines	4	4	4	3	5	0	1	0	2	0	2	38	28 50
75	Wimburn.....	Oxford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	19 50
76	Wallace	Wallace	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	19 50
77	Hudson	Vale Colliery	2	5	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	18 00
			173	149	160	45	116	37	60	0	60	32	25	2940	

Executive Officers of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, from its Organization in 1866, to the present year.

Year.	GRAND MASTER.	DEP. GRAND MASTER.	SENIOR G. WARDEN.	JUNIOR G. WARDEN.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARY.	SUBSTITUTE GRAND MASTER.
1865	W. H. Davies	W. Taylor.	R. J. Romans.	W. Garvie	A. K. Mackinlay.	C. J. Macdonald.	J. R. Graham.
1867	W. H. Davies	S. R. Sircum	W. Williams	A. Busby	A. K. Mackinlay.	C. J. Macdonald	R. Breckin.
1868	S. R. Sircum	A. C. Page	G. T. Smithers.	I. Melvin	A. K. Mackinlay.	C. J. Macdonald	N. W. White.
1869	A. Keith	J. R. Forman	J. N. Ritchie	H. J. Marshall	A. K. Mackinlay.	H. C. D. Twining	C. J. Macdonald.
1870	A. Keith	W. Taylor	A. H. Crowe	S. G. Rigby	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	(This office abolished in 1869).
1871	A. Keith	A. H. Crowe	S. G. Rigby	S. F. Raymond	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1872	A. Keith	S. G. Rigby	H. Shaw	W. T. Wilkins	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1873	A. Keith	W. Taylor	F. W. Dakin	D. Pottinger	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1874	J. W. Laurie.	A. H. Crowe	Rev. R. Avery.	Rev. J. B. Richardson	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1875	J. W. Laurie.	A. H. Crowe	Rev. R. Avery	J. F. McDonald	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1876	J. W. Laurie.	A. H. Crowe	Rev. R. Avery	J. Hudson	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1877	J. W. Laurie.	Rev. R. Avery	A. H. Woodhill	J. Hudson	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1878	J. W. Laurie.	A. H. Woodhill	J. Gossip	N. Tupper	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1879	J. W. Laurie.	J. Hudson	A. G. McLean	E. E. Tupper	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1880	A. H. Crowe	L. Johnstone	E. E. Tupper	S. H. Pelton	A. K. Mackinlay.	Benjamin Curren	
1881	W. Taylor	T. A. Cissmann	T. R. Harris	L. F. Darling	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1882	J. W. Laurie.	Rev. D. C. Moore.	D. C. Fraser	S. Porter	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1883	J. W. Laurie.	D. C. Moore.	W. E. Starratt	W. Ross	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1884	J. W. Laurie.	W. E. Starratt	J. R. Green	R. L. Black	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1885	J. W. Laurie.	W. Ross	C. F. Cochran	H. T. Sutherland	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1886	L. Johnstone.	C. P. Cochran	H. T. Sutherland	A. Rogers	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	
1887	L. Johnstone.	J. W. Rubland	J. M. Townshend	R. S. Masters	James Dempster.	Benjamin Curren	

LIST OF PAST GRAND OFFICERS IN 1887.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

WILLIAM H. DAVIES.
STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

JAMES R. GRAHAM.
CHARLES J. MACDONALD.
N. W. WHITE.
REV. R. AVERY.
JAMES HUDSON.
THEODORE A. COSSMANN.

REV. D. C. MOORE.
REV. F. PARTRIDGE.
D. C. FRASER.
W. E. STARRATT.
WILLIAM ROSS.
BENJAMIN CURREN.
C. F. COCHRAN.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

JOHN WOODHILL.
W. A. HESSON.
B. CURREN.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.
FRASER W. DAKIN.

JAMES GOSSIP.
A. G. McLEAN.
E. E. TUPPER.
T. R. HARRIS.
J. R. GREEN.
H. T. SUTHERLAND.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY.
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.
DAVID POTTINGER.
J. F. McDONALD.

S. H. PELTON.
SAMUEL PORTER.
R. L. BLACK.
A. ROGERS.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

AUGUSTUS ROBINSON.
THOMAS B. FLINT.
CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND.
JAMES R. WYMAN.
J. B. BLACK.
JOHN W. RUHLAND.

THOMAS B. CROSBY.
LUTHER B. ARCHIBALD.
HENRY S. JOST.
WILLIAM R. CUTLER.
THOMAS TANNER.
HENRY E. JEFFERSON.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near other Grand Lodges.

ENGLAND	W. Brackstone Baker.....	London.
SCOTLAND	W. William Hay.....	Edinburgh.
IRELAND	W. Chas. Capel Macnamara ..	Dublin.
ALABAMA	R. W. Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	R. W. Cornelius Thorne.....	
CANADA	R. W. George J. Waugh.....	Ottawa.
CALIFORNIA	R. W. A. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
DAKOTA	W. Edward Porrett.....	Fargo.
DELAWARE	R. W. A. S. Reed.....	Wilmington.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	M. W. William Smith.....	
FLORIDA	W. Michael Bowes.....	Jacksonville.
GEORGIA	A. J. Hamilton.....	Montezuma.
IDAHO	R. W. S. C. Hale	Lewiston.
ILLINOIS.....	W. William Floto.....	Chicago.
INDIANA.....	R. W. John D. Gatch.....	
IOWA		
KANSAS	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavensworth.
KENTUCKY.....	W. G. D. Buckner, M.D.	Lexington.
LOUISIANA	R. W. William Robson.....	
MANITOBA	V. W. D. B. Murray.....	Winnipeg.
MAINE.....	M. W. J. H. Drummond, LL. D.	Portland.
MARYLAND	W. William A. Fisher.....	
MICHIGAN	M. W. George H. Durand.....	
MISSISSIPPI	R. W. S. M. Howry.....	Oxford, Lafayette Co
MISSOURI	R. W. Geo. R. Hunt, M. D.....	Warrensburg.
MONTANA	R. W. John S. Mendenhall..	Bozeman.
NEBRASKA	W. C. F. Catlin	Omaha.
NEVADA	R. W. Richard T. Mullard.....	
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. B. Lester Peters	St. John.
NEW JERSEY.....	M. W. Rev. Henry Vehslage ..	
NEW YORK	W. L. J. Belloni.....	New York.
NORTH CAROLINA	W. Thomas S. Kenan.....	Raleigh.
OHIO	R. W. J. D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	R. W. B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
QUEBEC	R. W. Edward L. Foster.....	Montreal.
RHODE ISLAND.....	M. W. Thomas Vincent.....	Westerley.
SOUTH CAROLINA	W. Geo. D. Bryan	Charleston.
TEXAS	R. W. George H. Bringham.....	Houston.
UTAH	W. Benjamin Bachman	Provo.
VIRGINIA	R. W. W. S. Spottiswood	Petersburg.
WASHINGTON TERRITORY	M. W. Elwood Evans.....	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN.....	W. Jeremiah Watts	Racine.
WYOMING	R. W. Orlando North	Evanston.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ENGLAND.....	M. W. Bro. Gen. J. W. Laurie..	Oakfield.
SCOTLAND	R. W. George Fraser	Truro.
IRELAND	W. Bro. Lt.-Col. J. Poyntz	Windsor.
ARIZONA	R. W. W. Williams	Halifax.
ARKANSAS	R. W. James Gossip	"
CANADA	R. W. A. K. Mackinlay	"
CALIFORNIA	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom	Boston, U. S.
COLORADO	R. W. J. Medley Townshend ..	Amherst.
CONNECTICUT	R. W. T. Trenaman, M. D.	Halifax.
DAKOTA	W. James McLearn	"
DELAWARE	R. W. T. B. Crosby	Yarmouth.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	W. A. E. Curren	Halifax.
GEORGIA	R. W. J. B. Black, M. D.	Windsor.
IDAHO	R. W. William A. Hesson	Halifax.
ILLINOIS	R. W. T. A. Cossmann	"
INDIANA	R. W. D. C. Fraser	New Glasgow.
IOWA	R. W. Alex. D. McGillvary, M.D.	Sydney, C. B.
KANSAS.....	W. D. G. McKay, M. D.	Little Glace Bay.
KENTUCKY	M. W. Lewis Johnstone, M. D. ..	Stellarton.
LOUISIANA	R. W. Hector Sutherland	New Glasgow.
MAINE	R. W. John W. Ruhland	Halifax.
MARYLAND	R. W. Rev. D. C. Moore	Stellarton.
MANITOBA	R. W. J. F. McDonald, M. D.	Hopewell.
MICHIGAN	W. William M. Blair	Truro.
MINNESOTA	R. W. Henry S. Jost	Lunenburg.
MISSISSIPPI.....	W. George Hyde	Truro.
MISSOURI.....	W. J. W. Longley	Halifax.
MONTANA	R. W. Augustus Robinson, M.D.	Annapolis.
NEVADA	R. W. F. W. Dakin	Windsor.
NEW BRUNSWICK	M. W. William Taylor	Halifax.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	R. W. James Hudson	Stellarton.
NEW JERSEY	R. W. Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
NEW YORK	M. W. Gen. J. W. Laurie.....	Oakfield.
NORTH CAROLINA	R. W. Rev. H. D. deBlois	Annapolis.
OHIO	R. W. C. J. Macdonald	Halifax.
OREGON	W. Alex. Waddell	Dartmouth.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	R. W. William Ross	Halifax.
QUEBEC	R. W. George T. Smithers	"
RHODE ISLAND	R. W. Sandford H. Pelton	Yarmouth
SOUTH CAROLINA	W. J. A. Stewart	Sherbrooke.
TENNESSEE	R. W. Richard L. Black	River Philip.
TEXAS	R. W. E. E. Tupper	Bear River.
UTAH	W. Frederick Leavitt	Lawrencetown.
VERMONT	R. W. Luther B. Archibald	Truro.
VIRGINIA	W. J. K. Munnis	Halifax.
WASHINGTON TERRITORY.....	W. H. S. Jacques, M. D.	"
WISCONSIN	R. W. James Dempster	"
WYOMING	R. W. William Proctor	Sydney, C. B.
GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom	Boston, U. S.
" " COSTA RICA.....	M. W. William Taylor	Halifax.

DEBENTURES

ISSUED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, IN 1875 & 1876,
BEARING INTEREST AT 4 PER CENT.

To ST. ANDREW'S LODGE.....	\$2600,	Annual Interest.....	\$104 00
ST. JOHN'S "	1000,	"	40 00
VIRGIN "	2300,	"	92 00
ROYAL SUSSEX "	1000,	"	40 00
BURNS "	1000,	"	40 00
ATHOLE "	200,	"	8 00
KEITH "	300,	"	12 00
UNION "	100,	"	4 00
LODGE OF ST. MARK.	200,	"	8 00
ORIENT LODGE.....	200,	"	8 00
EASTERN STAR LODGE.....	40,	"	1 60
MORIEN LODGE.....	60,	"	2 40
CURREN "	20,	"	80
ROYAL UNION CHAPTER.....	2100,	"	84 00
ST. ANDREW'S "	500,	"	20 00
J. W. LAURIE.....	100,	"	4 00
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	100,	"	4 00
L. J. BLAND.....	100,	"	4 00
S. R. SIRCOM	40,	"	1 60
W. WILSON	40,	"	1 60
K. J. DOLPHIN	40,	"	1 60
A. FORDHAM.....	40,	"	1 60
J. FORTUNE	20,	"	80
H. J. MARSHALL.....	20,	"	80
J. J. P. SCOTT	20,	"	80
C. F. VOSE	20,	"	80
Total of Debentures ..	\$12,160	Annual Interest	\$486 40

Date of Organization and Meeting of Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.
Alabama	June 14, 1821	First Monday in December.
Arizona	March 25, 1882	Second Tuesday in November.
Arkansas	Feb. 22, 1832	Fourth Tuesday in November.
British Columbia	Dec. 26, 1871	Third Saturday in June.
California	April 18, 1850	Second Tuesday in October.
Canada	Oct. 10, 1855	Second Wednesday in July.
Colorado	Aug. 2, 1861	Third Tuesday in September.
Colon and Cuba		
Connecticut	July 8, 1789	Third Wednesday in January.
Dakota	July 21, 1875	Second Tuesday in June.
Delaware	June 6, 1806	First Wednesday in October.
District of Columbia	Dec. 11, 1810	Second Wednesday in November.
Florida	July 5, 1830	Third Tuesday in January.
Georgia	Dec. 16, 1786	In October.
Idaho	Dec. 16, 1867	Second Tuesday in September.
Illinois		First Tuesday in October.
Indiana	Jan. 12, 1818	Tuesday after fourth Mon. in May.
Indian Territory	Oct. 5, 1874	First Tuesday in November.
Iowa	Jan. 8, 1844	First Tuesday in June.
Kansas	March 17, 1856	Third Wednesday in February.
Kentucky	Oct. 1800	Third Tuesday in October.
Louisiana	July, 1812	Second Monday in February.
Maine	June, 1820	First Tuesday in May.
Manitoba	May 12, 1875	Second Wednesday in February.
Maryland	1783	Third Tuesday in November.
Massachusetts	1733	Second Wednesday in December.
Michigan	Sept. 14, 1844	Fourth Tuesday in January.
Minnesota	Feb. 23, 1853	Second Tuesday in January.
Mississippi	July 27, 1818	Second Wednesday in February.
Missouri	1821	Second Tuesday in October.
Montana	Jan. 24, 1866	First Wednesday in October.
Nebraska	Sept. 23, 1857	Tues. on or im. preceding 24th June.
Nevada	Jan. 16, 1865	Second Tuesday in June.
New Brunswick	Oct. 9, 1867	Fourth Tuesday in April.
New Hampshire	July 18, 1789	Third Wednesday in May.
New Jersey	Dec. 18, 1786	In January.
New Mexico	Aug. 6, 1877	Second Tuesday in December.
New York	Sept. 5, 1781	First Tuesday in June.
North Carolina	Jan. 14, 1771	Second Tuesday in January.
Nova Scotia	Feb. 20, 1866	First Wednesday in June.
Oregon	Aug. 16, 1851	In June.
Ohio	Jan. 7, 1808	Third Tuesday in October.
Pennsylvania	June 20, 1764	27th day of December.
Prince Edward Island	June 24, 1875	24th day of June.
Quebec	Oct. 20, 1869	January.
Rhode Island	June 25, 1791	Third Monday in May.
South Carolina	March 24, 1787	Second Tuesday in December.
Tennessee	Oct. 14, 1813	Last Tuesday in January.
Texas	Dec. 20, 1837	Second Tuesday in December.
Utah	Jan. 16, 1872	Third Tuesday in January.
Vermont	Oct. 14, 1794	Second Wednesday in June.
Virginia	May 6, 1777	Second Monday in December.
Washington	Dec. 9, 1858	First Wednesday in June.
West Virginia	April 19, 1865	Second Tuesday in November.
Wisconsin	Dec. 18, 1843	Second Tuesday in June.
Wyoming	Dec. 15, 1874	Second Tuesday in November.

Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
British Columbia...	A. R. Milne, Victoria.....	Edward C. Neufelder, Victoria.
Canada (Ontario)...	H. Robertson, LL. B., Collingwood.	J. J. Mason, Hamilton.
Manitoba.....	Thomas Clark, Winnipeg.....	William G. Scott, Winnipeg.
New Brunswick.....	J. V. Ellis, St. John.....	Edwin J. Wetmore, St. John.
Nova Scotia.....	Lewis Johnstone, M. D., Stellarton.	Benjamin Curren, D. C. L., Halifax.
Prince Edward Is'd.	Hon. John Yeo, Port Hill.....	B. Wilson Higgs, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	J. F. Walker, Montreal.....	John H. Isaacson, Montreal.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
Alabama.....	J. G. Harris, Montgomery.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Martin W. Kales, Phoenix.....	George J. Roskrug, Tucson, A. T.
Arkansas.....	W. H. Gee, Dardanelle.....	Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.
California.....	E. C. Atkinson, Sacramento.....	Alexander G. Abell, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	George K. Kimball, Golden.....	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	H. H. Green, Danielsonville.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.....	Henry M. Wheeler, Grand Forks..	Charles T. McCoy, Aberdeen.
Delaware.....	G. W. Marshall, Milford.....	William S. Hayes, Wilmington.
District of Columbia	T. P. Chiffelle, Washington.....	Wm. R. Singleton, Washington.
Florida.....	G. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. S. Davidson, Augusta.....	A. M. Wolihin, Macon.
Idaho.....	Edward A. Stevenson, Boise City..	J. H. Wickersham, Boise City.
Illinois.....	J. C. Smith, Chicago.....	Loyal L. Munn, Freeport.
Indiana.....	M. Nye, La Porte.....	William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson.....	Joseph S. Murrow, A-to-ka.
Iowa.....	Edwin C. Blackman, Burlington..	Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids.
Kansas.....	Henry C. Cook, Oswego.....	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	L. W. Hopper, Lebanon.....	Hiram Bassett, Millersburg.
Louisiana.....	Charles F. Buck, New Orleans.....	J. C. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans.
Maine.....	Frank E. Sleeper, Sabatis.....	Irr Berry, Portland.
Maryland.....	T. J. Shryock, Baltimore.....	Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Henry Endicott, Boston.....	Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston.
Michigan.....	R. C. Hatheway, Grand Rapids..	William P. Innis, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John H. Brown, Willmar.....	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	E. George De Lap, Natchez.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.....	J. W. Boyd, St. Joseph.....	Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Samuel Ward, Butte.....	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Milton J. Hull, Edgar.....	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Adolphus L. Fitzgerald, Eureka..	Chamney N. Noteware, Carson City.
New Hampshire.....	W. R. Burleigh, Great Falls.....	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.....	Robert W. Moore, Elizabeth.....	Joseph H. Hough, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	C. N. Blackwell, Socorro.....	Alpheus A. Keen, Las Vegas.
New York.....	F. R. Lawrence, New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York.
North Carolina.....	C. H. Robinson, Raleigh.....	Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio.....	S. Staeker Williams, Newark.....	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	Andrew Nasburg, Marshfield.....	Frelon J. Babcock, Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Joseph Eichbaum, Pittsburgh.....	Michael Nisbet, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	W. N. Ackley, Warren.....	Edwin Baker, Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. A. Smyth, Charleston.....	Charles Inglesby, Charleston.
Tennessee.....	Caswell A. Goodloe, Alamo.....	John Frizzle, Nashville.
Texas.....	A. J. Rose, Salado.....	T. W. Hudson, Houston, Harris Co.
Utah.....	P. L. Williams, Salt Lake City..	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Alfred V. Hall, St. Albans.....	L. M. Read, Bellows Falls.
Virginia.....	W. F. Drinkard, Richmond.....	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.....	H. R. Howard, Point Pleasant.....	G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling.
Washington.....	Joseph Smith, Kalama.....	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
Wisconsin.....	E. S. Elliott, Milwaukee.....	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	N. R. Davis, Cheyenne.....	W. L. Kuykendall, Cheyenne.

Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.—*Continued.*

ABROAD.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
England.....	H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.....	Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, London.
Scotland.....	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie	D. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh.
Ireland.....	His Grace Duke of Abercorn, K. G.	Samuel B. Oldham, D.G.S., Dublin.
New South Wales..	Dr. H. J. Tarrant, M.L.A., Sydney..	M. A. Toomey, Sydney.
Victoria.....	Hon. B. Patterson, M.L.A., Melbourne.	Rev. D. Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
South Australia ..	Hon. S. J. Way, Adelaide.....	J. H. Cunningham, Adelaide.
Colon and Cuba ..	A. Govin, Havana.....	Jose F. Pellon, Havana.
Peru.....	Julo F. deIriarte, Lima.....	J. Arturo Ego Aguirre, Lima.
Sweden and Norway	.....	D. E. Nordlange, Stockholm.
Germany.....	.....	E. T. P. Meyerhoff, Berlin.
Royal York.....	.....	C. A. Bouche, Berlin.
Zu den drei Weltku-	.....	.....
geln.....	.....	H. Von Schweinichen, Berlin.
Saxony.....	.....	F. G. Stuebler, Dresden.
Zur Eintracht.....	.....	Dr. Carl Nies, Darmstadt.
Zur Sonne.....	.....	Ludwig A. Redlich, Bayreuth.
Eclectic Union.....	.....	Carl Paul, Frankfort on Main.

APPENDIX No. I.

FORM OF PETITION FOR CHARTER.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country, which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge. We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at..... by the name and title of. and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz :

A. B	Worshipful Master.
C. D	Senior Warden.
E. F	Junior Warden.
G. H	Treasurer.
M. N	Secretary.
O. P	Senior Deacon.
Q. R	Junior Deacon.
S. T	Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V	} Stewards.
W. X	
Y. Z	Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures of *all the petitioners*, each in his own handwriting, giving the name, number and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Regulation 17.

No. 2.

FORM of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand Lodge :

We, the Master, Wardens and Members of the Lodge.....No.... holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint our trusty and well beloved Brother * of our Lodge, to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of.....

[Seal]

A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888.

.....Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary.

* Give the Brother's rank in Lodge.

No. 3.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of..... Lodge
No..... R. N. S. :*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of..... Lodge, No....., under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-Laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry, as admitted among you. My age is....years; my occupation is that of.....; my residence.....

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D., 188...

(Signed), ...

Recommended by

..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.
..... }

No. 4.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge
.....No..... R. N. S.*

I, ..., being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months been rejected on application for admission to this Lodge. [I have been rejected in.....Lodge]* I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is.....; my occupation.....; my age.....years.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....
A. D., 188 ..

Signed, ...

Witness.....

Recommended by

..... } The applicant to sign his name in full.
..... }

* If the Candidate has never been rejected, let the pen be drawn through the words inclosed in brackets

No. 5.**CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.**

..... Lodge, No., R. N. S.
DIMIT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Brother.....
 is a Worthy Master Mason of good standing in..... Lodge, No....
 Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held at.....: that having
 expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, in the manner prescribed by
 Section 47, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, paid up all dues to this date, and
 otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was granted,
 and the Secretary was instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and seal of the Lodge, on the.....
 day of..... A. D. 188 A. L. 588...
 Worshipful Master.
 Senior Warden.
 Secretary.

[Seal.]

INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergent meeting.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodge as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute book, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed at once by the Worshipful Master or officer presiding, as a proof of the fact of the acceptance of their accuracy by the brethren present.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from committees, to move their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with Grand Lodge *for the whole year*; therefore, if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the secretary should no write

4 Diplomas, &c., &c., &c.

4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c. as is sometimes done, but

10 Diplomas, &c., &c.

10 Enrolments, &c., &c.,

noting the cash paid, if any, and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *Supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith ; the Secretary of the Lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith ; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias, by the Secretary, John David Smith ; but John refuses to have it, and justly so, too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his Lodge should be mentioned.

Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say two or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following request from about fifty lodges in the early part of May, "Please send diplomas *by return mail*."

In the return of subscribing members, be careful to give first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed* ; then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M. ; then all the other members alphabetically arranged. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the "Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Regulation No. 18.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

As Revised to June, A. D. 1887.—A. L. 5887.

CHAPTER I.

OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed ; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

SECTION 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present ;

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.			
"	Right Worshipful	Deputy Grand Master,	
"	"	"	Senior Grand Warden,
"	"	"	Junior Grand Warden,
"	"	"	Grand Treasurer,
"	"	"	Grand Secretary,

The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Grand Secretary's table. After the nominations have been made,

the Grand Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz. :

	Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer,	
	" " " Chaplain,	
Very	" Senior Grand Deacon,	
"	" Junior Grand Deacon,	
"	" Grand Superintendent of Works,	
"	" Director of Ceremonies,	
"	" Sword Bearer,	
"	" Organist,	
"	" Pursuivant,	
"	" Stewards (six),	
"	" Tyler,	

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein ; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing if elected, to accept the office.

SECTION 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and, in their absence, proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge ; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes ; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity ; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

SECTION 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of dues of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge—such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the year just past.

SECTION 6. The rank of Officers and Members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.
 Past Grand Masters.
 Deputy Grand Master.
 Past Deputy Grand Masters.
 Senior Grand Warden.
 Past Senior Grand Wardens.
 Junior Grand Warden.
 Past Junior Grand Wardens.
 District Deputy Grand Masters.
 Past Dist. Dep. Grand Masters.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Grand Secretary.
 Grand Lecturer.
 Grand Chaplain.
 Senior Grand Deacon.
 Junior Grand Deacon.
 Grand Superintendent of Works.
 Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Grand Sword Bearer.
 Grand Organist.
 Grand Pursuivant.
 Grand Stewards.
 Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge Warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular Communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. No Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand

Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the City of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

SECTION 11. All officers of Grand Lodge must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges eligible to vote in Grand Lodge.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively :

On Credentials and Returns,
On Constitution and Regulations,
On Grievances and Appeals,
On Finance and Audit,
On Foreign Correspondence,
On Charters,

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees ; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or a Warden of a Lodge.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in his opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

SECTION 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order :—By the Deputy Grand Master ; Senior Grand Warden ; Junior Grand Warden ; Past Grand Master ; Past Deputy Grand Master ; Past Senior Grand Warden ; Past Junior Grand Warden ; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present ; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master, or Past Grand Master presides ; at all other times only in FORM, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them : always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand

Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint, but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor shall any Brother be expelled, until the Master or officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five Subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

SECTION 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service in the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

SECTION 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge, and to produce the charter, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

SECTION 22. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand

Lodge in writing at its next regular communication. The officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

SECTION 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge Room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

SECTION 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge ; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

SECTION 25. No Rule, By-Law or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

SECTION 26. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and nine other brethren to be elected at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, shall form a Board of Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted the care and management of all the Grand Lodge property in the City of Halifax. The Grand Master shall be Chairman, and the Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. The Grand Master shall call a meeting of the Board, as soon after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as may be convenient for efficient organization. The Grand Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board in a suitable book provided for that purpose ; and shall submit this book and such other report as may be considered necessary by the Board, to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

CHAPTER II.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE
TIME OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read ; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected, at any previous meetings shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and Reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business is to be regularly proceeded with.

SECTION 2. No confirmation of minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken ; and if no Brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother, on hearing read the minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

SECTION 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members.

SECTION 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

SECTION 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

SECTION 6. No Brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

SECTION 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master ; nor shall any Brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order ; but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum,

SECTION 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

SECTION 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

SECTION 10. All matters not especially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

SECTION 11. Notice of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

SECTION 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

SECTION 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

SECTION 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

SECTION 15. No motion on a new subject can be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

CHAPTER III.

OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master : and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election ; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Warden shall immediately summon the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master. In the temporary absence of both Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master from the jurisdiction, the Junior Past Grand Master present shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished Brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand, and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence ; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

SECTION 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge ; and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master resign it.

CHAPTER IV.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge, during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there ; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a Subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office, he must, on his election, as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

SECTION 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into nine districts, numbered as follows :—

- No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.
- No. 2. To include the Counties of Hants and Kings.
- No. 3. To include the Counties of Annapolis and Digby.
- No. 4. To include the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne.
- No. 5. To include the Counties of Queens and Lunenburg.
- No. 6. To include the Counties of Cumberland and Colchester.
- No. 7. To include the Counties of Pictou and Antigonish.
- No. 8. To include the Counties of Guysboro' and Richmond.
- No. 9. To include the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Inverness.

SECTION 2. To each of these districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an

officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the District to which he is elected, and a resident of the District.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective Districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

SECTION 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and Officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its by-laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

SECTION 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals; but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any Subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Master.

SECTION 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the District of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his District. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

SECTION 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office ; and shall submit such report at least two weeks previous to the Annual Communication.

SECTION 11. District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for two years to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and who shall be specially recommended by him for the honor, may receive, by vote of Grand Lodge, the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

CHAPTER V.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their place ; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Master of a Subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

CHAPTER VI.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Master shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fra-

ternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipt and disbursements before every regular communication ; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee on Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

CHAPTER VII.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise ; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings ; to notify all committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody ; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge ; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge ; to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons ; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct ; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge ; to receive regularly, credit and record, all monies of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received ; and generally to do all such things as have been done or ought to have been done by a Grand Secretary ; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be paid quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF GRAND LECTURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks, or from the established ritual that he may observe.

SECTION 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings; but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt, or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instructions therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

SECTION 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble—the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee on Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

CHAPTER IX.

OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. They shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

CHAPTER X.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. If the Grand Deacons be present, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

CHAPTER XI.

OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. All other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time, as required.

SECTION 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

SECTION 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

SECTION 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its Boards and Committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

SECTION 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business; or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

CHAPTER XII.

OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the Committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

SECTION 2. In order to enable each Committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER XIII.

PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

SECTION 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matter complained of originated, and, in case of appeal, within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

SECTION 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. The Chairman shall at once summon the Committee, who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

SECTION 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto, as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

SECTION 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

SECTION 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any party challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Every application for a charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge (see also Standing Regulation 17), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

SECTION 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a dispensation to open a new Lodge and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

SECTION 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

SECTION 4. Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, by written ballot, except as hereinafter provided ; the remainder by open vote or ballot, as the presiding officer may direct ; and any candidate before being declared elected, must have obtained a majority of the votes of those present entitled to vote. The names of candidates nominated for office shall be placed on the Secretary's table. After the names of the candidates have been announced to the Lodge, the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those two having the highest number of votes. Should there be but one candidate nominated for any office, the written ballot may be dispensed with, and the candidate may be declared elected by acclamation.

No brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Lodge is prepared to certify that said brother is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

SECTION 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly-formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

SECTION 6. The Master elect shall be installed either by the retiring Master or by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated in a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Blue Lodges can be present.

SECTION 7. If the Master should die, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

SECTION 8. In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or a Past Master of any Lodge may be invited by the presiding officer to confer degrees.

SECTION 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited, at least once in each year, by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

SECTION 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother, immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge, shall sign the by-laws thereof, and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If, in case of any accident, the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meetings may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; and all Lodges in the City of Halifax shall meet at Freemasons' Hall.

SECTION 15. A Lodge of Emergency may be at any time called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summonses issued to the

members of the Lodge, and afterwards recorded in the minute book ; and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 16. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

SECTION 18. All the business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the first and second Degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 19. No Lodge shall confer the three Degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz. : For the first and second degree \$6 each, for the third Degree \$8 ; or on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been, at least, one year a contributing member of a Lodge ; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb ; the same to be fully attested and approved.

SECTION 21. Every Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues ; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed

for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of the suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended ; but any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to the Lodge by a two-thirds vote, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of suspension, notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter ; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 26. Each Lodge shall, annually, between the date of installation of officers and the 20th May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge ; and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

SECTION 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master or Wardens, or proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to Grand Lodge previous to the 20th of May in each year ; and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of

the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master ; and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 31. If the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing or publishing any proceedings authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

SECTION 34. No Subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

SECTION 35. Any brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 36. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

SECTION 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to

a brother, except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall any Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

SECTION 38. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

SECTION 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

SECTION 41. Any Brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

SECTION 42. The Jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge, if within twenty miles. But if any Lodge should be within two miles of another, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge, or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

SECTION 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, sub-

sequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge who are in good standing.

SECTION 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge, after an interval of one month, provided the committee have reported, and if elected, he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application cannot again be entertained for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

SECTION 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

SECTION 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 47. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, who shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, shall thereupon, provided he is in good standing and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to his dimit. It will, of course, be the duty of the W. M. to ascertain, before he signs the dimit, that the brother so withdrawing is in good Masonic standing.

SECTION 48. Two or more Lodges located near each other may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the regular meeting at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all the members of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation. The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and the number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and Seal of that Lodge.

No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the

proceedings relative thereto shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge ; and, in case of a new Charter being required, the approval of the Grand Lodge must be obtained.

SECTION 49. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its by-laws.

SECTION 50. The Treasurer of a Subordinate Lodge shall not retain more than one hundred dollars of Lodge funds in his own hands.

SECTION 51. In order to encourage the return of non-affiliates to active membership in the Craft, no Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall have an affiliation fee, except in the case of candidates from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, who may be charged the sum of one dollar to meet the registration fee required by the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XV.

OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office ; and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. No brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must, in addition, wear white cravats and white gloves.

SECTION 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

SECTION 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are gold and may be described as follows :

The Grand Master.—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words, "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendant therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and the compasses, the sun in full glory.

Past Grand Master.—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90,—the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and Square united.

Senior Grand Warden.—The Level.

Junior Grand Warden.—The Plumb.

District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, surrounded by a circle or wreath, on which is the name of the District, as First District G. L. of N. S.

Grand Treasurer.—A chased Key.

Grand Secretary.—Key and Pen crossed.

Grand Lecturer.—Semi-circle in a triangle.

Grand Chaplain.—Eradiated Eye in a triangle.

Senior Grand Deacon.—Mallet within a Wreath.

Junior Grand Deacon.—Trowel within a Wreath.

Grand Superintendent of Works.—Corinthian Column, based on a segment of a circle of 90.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Crossed Rods with a tie.

Grand Sword Bearer.—Crossed Swords.

Grand Organist.—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.

Grand Pursuivant.—Crossed Baton and Sword.

Grand Tyler.—A Sword.

Chairman of Stewards.—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cipher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

SECTION 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge Officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

SECTION 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from collars of blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with silver. The Jewels shall be of silver, as follows :

Master.—The Square.

Past Master.—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem 1st Book of Euclid, engraved on a silver plate pendant within it.

Senior Warden.—The Level.

Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Treasurer.—The Key.

Secretary.—The Crossed Pens.

Deacons.—The Dove encircled.

Marshal or Inner Guard.—Crossed Swords.

Stewards.—Cornucopia in a wreath.

Tyler.—The Sword.

SECTION 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentices.*—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament ; white strings.

Fellow Crafts.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Masons.—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or

flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches, ornamented with gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblems of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters have also, in addition to the emblems of their office, the Acacia, and seven-eared wheat in gold embroidery, one on each side-edging of the apron.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge:—

Dispensation to new Lodge.....	\$ 50 00
Charter to new Lodge.....	30 00
Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book.....	1 00
Diploma for each member.....	1 00
Annual dues for each member.....	0 75
Copy of Charter in case of loss.....	5 00
Extract of copy of papers, first sheet.....	0 50
Every other sheet.....	0 30
Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto....	1 00
Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month.....	5 00
Three copies of printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge, at 50 cents each	1 50

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

ART. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. (*See Standing Regulation 16.*)

ART. 2.—The distribution of the interest only of this fund, shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz :—G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

ART. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund) signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

ART. 5.—Application for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

ART. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall receive the benefit of this Fund unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years ; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

ART. 7.—A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

ART. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every Annual Communication.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby state that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ———— years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

	.....	<i>W. Master.</i>
[Seal:]	.....	<i>S. Warden.</i>
	.....	<i>J. Warden.</i>
[Date.]	.....	<i>Secretary.</i>

CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each Subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favourably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of the Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alterations made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceeding 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the committee when convened shall proceed to appoint their own chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges, one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, chapter 14, of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a brother affiliating from another Lodge *under this jurisdiction*.—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. Repealed.—[See Proceedings, 1880, page 53.]

14. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

15. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, strictly declares that a brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such a ballot prove favorable, a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

16. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

17. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a dispensation or Charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the Diploma has been injured or defaced, the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

19. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge expects all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to conform to the constitutional enactment regarding Masonic clothing.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

20. *Resolved*, That in his official visitations, the District Deputy Grand Master represents the Grand Master; and that the Grand Lodge expects its subordinates to treat the suggestions of the District Deputies with due consideration and respect.—[Proceedings 1876, page 63.]

21. *Resolved*, That all accounts for rent against the different Masonic bodies, shall be payable on the 31st of October and the 30th April in each and every year, in order that the Grand Treasurer may be enabled to present to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, a correct report of receipts and expenditure to date, in connection with the new Hall.—[Proceedings 1877, page 91.]

22. *Resolved*, That no petition for the mysteries of Free-masonry shall be received from a candidate who has been rejected in any Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge so rejecting—such consent to be expressed by a majority vote at any regular meeting of said Lodge.—[Proceedings, 1878, page 60.]

23. *Resolved*, That the words "*ten miles in every direction*" in section 42, chapter 14, of the Constitution, means a radius of ten miles, the Lodge-room forming the centre.—[Proceedings 1878, page 65.]

24. *Resolved*, That the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, forward their reports to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at such convenient time before the Annual Communication as will enable him to place the whole report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's table, within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Regulation No. 5.—[Proceedings 1878, page 77.]

25. *Resolved*, That the Investigating Committee are appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the character and antecedents of the candidate for the information and guidance of the Brethren of the Lodge. It is therefore the duty of the Committee to report favorably or unfavorably, according to the judgment of its members; but the report is made within the four walls of the Lodge, and no further record should be made in the Minutes than that the Investigating Committee reported. The words favorably or unfavorably should not be entered into the Minutes.—[Proceedings 1879, page 27.]

26. *Resolved*, That an application for a dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case require immediate action.—[Proceedings 1880, page 40.]

27. *Resolved*, That, in future, Grand Lodge prevent the incorporation of its Subordinate Lodges.—[Proceedings 1880, page 46.]

28. *Resolved*, That all cases recommended for expulsion shall be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, who shall report upon them before further action by Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1871, page 41.]

29. *Resolved*, That a Brother holding the position of Warden of a Subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed.—[Proceedings 1881, page 43.]

30. *Resolved*, That permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes.—[Proceedings 1881, page 44.]

31. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue duplicate diplomas upon a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge under seal that the original diploma has been lost, and upon payment of the usual fee of one dollar.—[Proceedings 1885, page 58.]

32. *Resolved*, That in future the election of officers take place after all the other business of Grand Lodge shall have been disposed of.—[Proceedings 1886, page 46.]

Resolved, That a brother affiliating from *another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction* need not produce a dimit from his former Lodge.—[Proceedings 1884, page 11.]

Resolved, That the use of Masonic emblems, or of the word "Masonic," or of the expression "under the auspices of a Masonic Lodge," in connection with any advertisement of a celebration, banquet, excursion, or any demonstration that is not essentially Masonic in character, or authorized by the Grand Master or his representative, is improper.—[Proceedings, 1887, page 29.]

Resolved, That on the restoration of a suspended member, by the payment in full of all arrearages due, the *per capita* tax accruing during the interval of suspension is justly due and must be included in the regular returns to Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1887, page 31.]

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee have received, through the R. W. Grand Secretary, the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges :

Arizona.....	1886	Montana.....	1886
Arkansas.....	1886	Nebraska.....	1886
British Columbia.....	1887	Nevada.....	1886
California.....	1886	New Brunswick.....	1887
Canada.....	1886	New Hampshire.....	1887
Colorado.....	1886	New Jersey.....	1887
Connecticut.....	1887	New Mexico.....	1886
Dakota.....	1886	New South Wales.....	1886
Florida.....	1887	New York.....	1885
Georgia.....	1886	North Carolina.....	1887
Idaho.....	1886	Ohio.....	1886
Illinois.....	1886	Oregon.....	1886
Indian Ter.....	1886	Pennsylvania.....	1886
Iowa.....	1886	Prince Edward Island.....	1886
Kansas.....	1887	Quebec.....	1887
Kentucky.....	1886	Rhode Island.....	1886
Louisiana.....	1887	South Carolina.....	1886
Maine.....	1886	Tennessee.....	1887
Manitoba.....	1887	Texas.....	1886
Maryland.....	1887	Utah.....	1887
Massachusetts.....	1886	Vermont.....	1886
Minnesota.....	1887	Virginia.....	1886
Michigan.....	1887	West Virginia.....	1886
Missouri.....	1886	Washington Ter.....	1886
Mississippi.....	1887	Wyoming.....	1886

ARIZONA—1886.

The fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Phoenix, Nov. 9th, A. D. 1886.

M. W. Benj. Titus, Grand Master, was in the Grand East.

R. W. Brother Morris Goldwater, S. G. W., presented a short report on "Correspondence;" the brevity is thus explained :

"Politics and other causes combined have prevented the chairman from making an extended review of these proceedings. Whether we owe an apology for this seeming neglect of duty, or are entitled to thanks, will depend on your views when our shortcomings are compared with the gain in the treasury."

And the Chairman thus humbly submits himself :

"In conclusion, the writer begs leave to add the assurance that in the future his work will be more faithfully performed, and trusts that he has deserved well enough of the fraternity 'to meet with generous and tender usage from their hands.'"

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. J. A. Zabriskie, delivered an eloquent oration of which we give the conclusion :

"Masonry has ever been engaged in discovering new truths, and in endeavoring to preserve from obscurity those old truths which had already shed their refulgent rays upon the benighted understandings of men.

"Is not this grand old institution worthy of immortal honor if it has performed no other work than to preserve from the iconoclasm of ecclesiastical fury the sacred germ of all truth--

‘That golden key

That opens the palace of eternity.’

"Why should we permit the selfish passions of men and the demoralizing sentiments of a groveling herd to taint or mar the fair form of this majestic edifice, reared and sustained upon the corner-stone of fraternal virtue? Should any of its parts be weakened, or should the decay of time or the disintegration of moral subsidence threaten its perpetuity, let the fabric be at once strengthened by the exclusion of worthless debris and its rehabilitation by the infusion of new work from the quarry which cannot fail to meet the requirements of rigid and technical inspection.

"Let us seek the true light as of old. Let us sacrifice all for truth. And now, in this enlightened period of the world's history, when the true light begins to illumine the darkest recesses of the mental and moral horizon, shall we relax our vigilance? Shall we permit these glorious principles to be prostituted upon the

altar of frivolous sensuousness? Shall we stand by and witness the decadence of those great elements which have rendered our past illustrious, and not stay the hand of the destroyer? The long period of calm should remind us of approaching storms. Error is alive and active. The horrors of the past only await an opportunity to repeat themselves. The devotees of error are untiring in their efforts to regain the power lost—prepared again to re-enact the tragedies of the past, whenever opportunity and proper conditions may permit their exercise with impunity. No sacrifice is too great to avert this calamity, and to Masonry is relegated the guardianship of human rights.

“Upon this Ancient and honorable Order devolves the fearful responsibility of preserving intact the sacred privileges which, through ages of toil and suffering, have been wrested from the ruthless hands of irresponsible and dogmatic power. Let us be true to the trust and maintain the dignity of our profession in the interest of truth :

‘Get but the truth once uttered, and ’tis like
A star new born that drops into its place,
And which, once circling in its placid round,
Not all the tumult of the earth can shake.’”

Lodges, 5 ; M. Masons, 357.

Grand Master, M. W. Martin Wm. Kales, Phoenix, A. T.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Geo. J. Roskrue, Tucson, A. T.

ARKANSAS—1886.

The Proceedings report an Emergent and the 47th Regular Annual Communication.

The first named was held June 15th, 1886, for the funeral obsequies of Past Grand Master, L. E. Barber, at Little Rock. Brother Barber was 80 years of age, was Grand Master 4 and Grand Secretary 12 years. The funeral services at the grave were conducted by the Knights Templar, but Grand Lodge accompanied the procession.

“A procession was formed and marched to Christ (Episcopal) Church, of which Bro. Barber had been a life-long member, and in which he had served as a member of the vestry and Senior Warden of the Parish for upwards of forty years, well nigh indeed half a century.

“At the church, the solemn and impressive burial service of the Episcopal form was said, and a funeral discourse of unusual eloquence and pathos was delivered by Rev. Bro. T. C. Tupper, D. D. On that very day, one week previous, Bro-Tupper had bidden farewell to his old-time friend and close associate, Bro. Barber, to take up a new charge at Leavenworth, Kansas, to which he had been

called. He had but just reached his new home when the telegraph brought to him the hasty summons to return and bury his beloved brother ; and without a moment's hesitation he made the long journey to perform the sad duty. It was a touching occurrence, and there were few present but felt the sacredness of it."

The Annual Communication was held in the same city, Nov. 23, 1886.

M. W. T. C. Humphrey, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Our Representative, Bro. Salle, was absent, alas ! having departed this life on the 6th May.

We too, would drop "the tributary tear," and "commend his soul to God who gave it," with full fraternal feelings.

From the Grand Master's decisions we quote :

"1. That material rejected remains the material of rejecting Lodge, regardless of lapse of time or change of residence, and therefore in case such material is accepted by another Lodge without consent, the fee for conferring degree belongs to rejecting Lodge, regardless of initiate's residence.

"3. That petitioners for Dispensation for a new Lodge, who are members of the nearest chartered Lodge, have the *right* to vote upon the question of recommendation when it comes before said Lodge.

"6. That a member of a defunct Lodge, under indefinite suspension, will have to apply to the Grand Lodge for restoration before he can get a certificate from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge to enable him to join another Lodge."

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master, M. W. W. H. Gee, Dardanelle.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock.

Lodges, 365 ; Masons, 10,496.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1887.

Annual Communication, Saturday, June 18th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., M. W. Bro. W. Dalby, Grand Master, presiding. There were present also nine Grand Officers, two Past Grand Masters, one Past Deputy, with representatives from seven Subordinate Lodges.

The Senior Grand Warden, both Grand Deacons and Grand Director of Ceremonies were absent—cause, no doubt, serious illness.

The following from the Grand Master's address is worthy of repetition :—

“It is an acknowledged fact that charity is the true source of our strength and power in the world. The dispensing of charity is one of the vital tenets of the fraternity, and when a strange brother from a strange land applies to us for charity, we should have our fund in such shape that we can immediately render that succor and relief sought for. We have always been taught that we should be charitable towards all mankind. Then let us try and stimulate these great principles; and should we at any time find an erring or a fallen brother, cast over him the mantle of charity, and extend to him the hand of brotherly love and raise him to the true level of a Mason.

“The Lodges, I believe, have been very careful whom they admitted, and have not debarred good material through any little jealousy or spite. When any one who they thought wished to join the order for selfish purposes or was not of the material they thought desirable, they had sufficient manhood to say, by casting the black ball, you are not good enough to be one of us, we want none but men of good social and moral character. While it is desirable that we should have as many members as possible I have always believed in the old axiom that it is better to have good men rejected than to have one bad man elected, as we have known by experience that a troublesome man will cause so much dissension in a Lodge in one night that it will take months to replace the good feeling and unity of purpose which should at all times exist.”

We notice that in this jurisdiction the Deputy Grand Master has something to say in the shape of a report—the present one is to the point and well put together. It has long been our opinion that the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens should perform the duties of District Deputies for the districts in which they reside. These are positions of honor and distinction, and the occupants should be something more than mere figure-heads.

Grand Master, Alexander R. Milne; Grand Secretary, Edward C. Neufelder; both of Victoria.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA—1886.

A tome of 564 pages! It is a good thing that all Grand Lodges do not act so bountifully or one would never get through reviewing: not that we find fault—we are glad to see such a display of zeal, industry and prosperity. But is not blue paper as easily come at in California as drab. It certainly has a more Masonic hue.

The 37th Annual Communication began on Tuesday, October 12, and ended Monday, October 18. The M. W. Wiley J. Tinnin,

Grand Master, on the Throne. 281 Subordinate Lodges were represented. The Grand Master's address is an able and thoroughly business-like production. He gives *inter alia* the following decisions, which we commend :

“ *Question.* Can four members be tried by the same Commissioners, or must we elect a separate commission for each one ?

“ *Answer.* Yes. But there must be four elections and four separate trials. Each defendant is entitled to a separate commission and a separate trial and judgment.

“ *Question.* If it is necessary to elect a separate commission for each one, may they all be chosen at the same special meeting, due notice thereof having been given ? *Answer.* Yes.

“ *Question.* Can a Master Mason's daughter, after her marriage, re-instate her claims on the Order, by virtue of being the daughter of a Master Mason ?

“ *Answer.* No. When she married she severed her rights in the Order by and through her father, and thence can only retain her rights therein by and through her husband.

“ *Question.* When does a Master Mason's son cease to have any claim on the Order ?

“ *Answer.* When he arrives at the of twenty-one years, unless he becomes himself a member of the Order.

“ *Question.* Can a brother, after an affiliate has regularly applied for membership in and has been elected by the Lodge, prevent his membership in the Lodge by objecting to him before he signs the By-Laws ? *Answer.* No.”

Brother James Wright Anderson presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a very able production, occupying 117 pages, and reviewing the work of 64 Jurisdictions.

Under the head of Belgium we are glad to note :

“ Among its contents we find the Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII against Freemasonry, which is criticised as being ‘distinguished by a collection of calumnies and untruths which should be sufficient to open the eyes of members of our Order to the dogma of Papal infallibility.’ ”

As from its vicinity to and intricate relationship with France, one might have feared that our Belgian brethren might have been *justly* charged with ignoring T. G. A. O. T. U.

We learn from Brother Anderson's instructive paper that Scotland has

“ Provinces or Districts abroad as follows : West India Islands, Jamaica, Bermuda, India, Tasmania, Bahamas, Newfoundland, Victoria, New South

Wales, Cape of Good Hope, South East Africa, China and Japan, Trinidad, New Zealand South, New Zealand North, Queensland, Canterbury (N. Z.), Gibraltar, Peru, and Nicaragua."

And Ireland

"For the Provinces of Victoria, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and Ceylon."

And that of all the Grand Bodies of A. F. & A. Masons in Germany

"His Imperial and Royal Majesty, William, Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia, is Protector; and his Imperial and Royal Highness, Frederick William, Crown Prince of the Empire and Kingdom, is Substitute Protector."

And yet we Masons are "disloyal" forsooth!

Nova Scotia receives its full share of fraternal notice. Grand Master Laurie's address at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Post Office, &c., at Windsor, is quoted as "containing much food for thought." While of the laying of the stone of St. George's Church, Pugwash, it is said:

"It is indeed fitting that the Masonic Order should devote its energies for the advancement of man in all those attributes that assimilate him more and more to the Grand Artificer of his being."

Lodges, 226; members, 14,141.

Grand Master, M. W. Edward C. Atkinson, Sacramento.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco.

Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Committee, R. W. J. W. Anderson.

CANADA—1886.

Three Special Communications have been held and the 31st Annual which met at Windsor (not our N. S. University Town.)

The "Special" on July 13th, A. D. 1885, was at the Village of Smith's Falls for the laying of a corner stone. The 2nd "Special" was held two days later for the like purpose, and the 3rd on June 18th, A. D. 1886, when another corner stone was laid. The 2nd of these corner stones was for a Masonic Hall, the other two for places of worship of the G. A. O. T. U. But then we Masons are "Atheists" you know!! At "Marmora" Masonic Hall the

ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis, P. D. G. M. for the M. W. G. M.

At "Smith's Falls" R. W. Wm. Rea, P. D. D. G. M. officiated, and at "Jarvis" the Grand Master himself, *i. e.*, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

The Grand Master also presided at the Annual Communication held July 14, A. L. 5886. Brother Waugh our representative, was not present.

Most cordial addresses of welcome were tendered to the G. M. and Grand Lodge by the Lodges in Windsor, and by the Mayor and Corporation of the Town. From Grand Master Murray's excellent address we extract the following :

"Before entering upon the active business of the session, it is our duty, and I trust also our highest pleasure, to make acknowledgement to the Most High for the manifold blessings which he has showered upon us as a fraternity and as individuals.

"Having acknowledged fealty to the Great Source of all that is, it is fitting and appropriate for us as Masons, ever loyal to the sovereign and government of the country in which we live, to express our joy at the long life and continued health of our good and gracious Queen, and to give utterance to our gratification that we have entered the fiftieth, or jubilee year of her benign reign. Enjoying all those blessings of civil and religious liberty which we prize so much, and which are ensured to all the subjects of the great empire of which we form a part, we must not forget that to the liberty and toleration which have been so much fostered during the reign of our glorious sovereign, are largely due the prosperity and progress of our craft, which, founded upon the broad principles of toleration and equal rights, has ever progressed or retrograded in proportion as these principles have been propagated or opposed. Therefore we pray for Victoria

'Long to reign over us,
Happy and glorious,
God save the Queen.'

Long may she reign, and long may Masons in every portion of the British Empire be able, as is their time-honored custom to say, 'The Queen and the Craft.' But while with pardonable pride we may refer to our nationality, never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of our native land, we do not forget that Masonry is of no country in particular, but is cosmopolitan; and as we meet here to-day, within sound of the working tools of our brethren of Michigan, we rejoice to know while we can look at and see the line which divides us politically, that masonically there is no such boundary.

"They and we are brethren of the one great family, conversing in the same symbolic language, kneeling at the same altar, and subscribing to the same creed ;

and it is with peculiar feelings of attachment we of the Grand Lodge of Canada welcome, as we now do, the brethren from the state of Michigan who are with us to-day. We can never forget the kind offices of their Grand Master, so readily given, when he performed the ceremony of Installation of our first and lamented Grand Master, the late Col. William Mercer Wilson."

The Grand Master related a most pleasing exhibition of Masonic charity and love :

"Early in the year I received a communication from a worthy brother, a merchant in one of our cities, stating that it was his desire to adopt a child, and that he would prefer a Mason's child. Having a personal acquaintance with this brother, and a confident belief from his character and standing that any child adopted by him would be taken to his heart as well as to his home, and carefully reared and educated, I forwarded his letter to the chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with a request that he would ascertain whether among the orphans, who are to a certain extent the wards of Grand Lodge, there was one of suitable age, whose guardian would in his or her interests, consent to the adoption. After considerable correspondence such a child was found, and has been lawfully adopted. The home of that dear brother has in it now a little fairy form, a blessing to himself and wife, and as far as human foresight can determine, the support, education, and happiness of the little darling have been secured. Every Lodge cannot afford to educate a deceased brother's child, neither can every brother adopt one, but all can do something."

The history of John Harrison's appeal is instructive :

"In April of last year, Brother John Harrison was charged in King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, with being a person unfit to retain his connection with his lodge, or with the Masonic fraternity, the ground of unfitness being that he was an Agnostic, a Secularist and a Freethinker, and being such, that he held religious views and opinions not consistent with the doctrines and principles of Freemasonry. On this charge he was tried and found guilty, and suspended. Having appealed against the punishment inflicted by his Lodge, his case was considered by the Board of General Purposes, who after reviewing the evidence, and examining him further, and hearing him in explanation, reported recommending that his suspension be removed, and that he be restored to good standing in his Lodge. The report was not adopted by Grand Lodge, the case being referred to me for such further enquiry and action as I might deem proper. I regret having to report to Grand Lodge, that the brother has failed to convince me that his suspension ought to be removed, and he restored to good standing in his Lodge.

"I regard this case as the most important one that has ever been considered by this grand body.

"Masonry is tolerant. 'Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, and practice the sacred duties of morality.' Masonry is tolerant,

but there is no place in Masonry for the stupid atheist, or the irreligious libertine. Masonry is tolerant, and will never admit the right of any man to persecute his brother man for his opinion, but there are certain landmarks which cannot be changed, the most important being the belief in God, and the immortality of the soul. There can be no doubt upon this question, for this Grand Lodge has over and over again shown its adherence to this landmark.

“In 1877, when the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Weller, informed Grand Lodge that on account of the Grand Orient of France having expunged from its constitution this landmark, he had withdrawn the credentials of our representative, Grand Lodge emphatically declared that we could not continue to recognize it as a Masonic body.

“In 1884, seven years afterwards, Grand Master Spry, in his address referring to the several Grand Lodges in Europe, with whom we are not in fraternal relations, used the following strong language: ‘The Grand Orient of France has changed its constitution several times, to conform to the political, socialistic and atheistic ideas of that country, and in 1876 severed itself entirely from the Freemasonry of all English speaking bodies, by striking from its constitution the clause affirming the existence of a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. The Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Orient of Holland have followed the pernicious example of France, and have struck from their constitution the clause affirming the existence of God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and have thus placed themselves outside the pale of legitimate Freemasonry.’ Grand Lodge again expressed its adherence to this landmark, and concurred in the strictures passed upon these grand bodies by the Grand Master, declaring that though Masonry was not religion, it was allied with, and could not be divorced from it.

“Again, last year, the Board of General Purposes, when reporting upon the decisions alluded to by the Grand Master, specially commended those relating to the confession of faith required from candidates for admission to our order, and Grand Lodge, by the adoption of the report, declared that, ‘In this age of skepticism and unbelief, it cannot be too plainly asserted that the Grand Lodge of Canada will admit none within the portals of our Lodges, nor continue the privileges of Freemasonry to any who do not acknowledge their belief in God, that He has revealed His will to man in the volume of the Sacred Law, which we recognize as the first of the three great lights of Masonry, and the One to rule and govern our faith, and that God will certainly punish vice and reward virtue; that men who claim a right to disbelieve, or at all events doubt the existence of God, or to doubt that there will be a future life of rewards and punishments, have no right to approach our altars—no footing on the floor of our Lodges. That it was worse than mockery to recommend the volume of the Sacred Law to such men, or charge them to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate their actions by the divine precepts which it contains, or to admonish them that therein they will be taught the important duties they owe to their God, to their neighbor, and to themselves.’

“In addition to these evidences that belief in God and the immortality of the soul is a fundamental principle with us, I quote from our constitution that portion of our funeral service relating thereto: ‘This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of shadows, and that there dwells within our tabernacle of clay an imperishable and immortal spirit, which the grave shall never receive, and over which death has no dominion.’

“Listen, my brethren. Does Bro. Harrison believe in ‘the Great Architect of the Universe, the Almighty and Most Merciful God, in whom we live and move and have our being, the Eternal Being, in whose holy name our convocations are assembled?’ He says, ‘I believe in God, not necessarily a personal God, but I use the term ‘God’ because it is the term generally used; it might, however, be expressed by any other name.’

“Does Bro. Harrison believe in the immortality of the soul? Listen! He says, ‘I hope that the soul of man is immortal, but not having any actual knowledge on the subject, I cannot say that I believe it.’

“Does Bro. Harrison believe in a future life of rewards and punishments? He says, ‘I hope there is a future life of reward and punishment, but having no actual knowledge, I cannot say that I believe it.’

“Bro Harrison says that he believes that the will of God is revealed in the Bible, as far as it goes, but that the Bible does not contain the whole of God’s revealed will, and is not applicable to the intelligence of the present day, and that it is not the unerring standard of truth and justice.

“Admitting that he is an Agnostic, a Secularist, and a Freethinker, he defines an Agnostic as one who is honest enough to admit that he does not know what, under the present condition of human knowledge, is impossible to be known. That though a Secularist, he does not believe in the secularization of the Sabbath, and does not hold himself responsible for the nine demands of liberalism. That though a Freethinker, he is not an unbeliever, nor one who discards revelation. While I would be among the first to defend Bro. Harrison from intolerant persecution, believing, with the members of the last year’s Board of General Purposes, that he honestly holds the views and opinions he expressed to me, still, I regard the holding of these views as fatal to his continuance in membership.

“A suspended Mason, who does not believe in a personal God, who cannot say that he believes in the immortality of the soul, or in a future life of rewards and punishments, and who believes that our first great light, the Bible, is inapplicable to the intelligence of the present day, should not, in my opinion, be restored to good standing in Masonry. I therefore deem it my duty not to interfere with the action of the Lodge.”

This sad falling off of a brother from his Masonic creed, and his punishment, form a striking commentary on “CARDINAL TASCHEREAU’S MANDEMENT,” on which the Grand Master remarks:

"I have been in some doubt whether or not I ought to notice a document recently made public by an eminent and venerable dignitary of the Roman Catholic Church in Quebec. Masonry does not need defense against ordinary assailants, but the document in question is so unjust, its statements are so unwarranted by facts, and its author occupies so high a position, that, after mature consideration, I have concluded that I should not let it pass in silence. Though promulgated by His Eminence, Cardinal Taschereau, the paper was adopted by all the Roman Catholic bishops of Quebec; and I believe that the portion referring to Masonry had the sanction of the Sovereign Pontiff. Among other things, it says that the Masonic body is 'a society of irreligious men, banded together under an organization and by horrible oaths, under the secret guidance of invisible leaders, for the purpose of making war upon the church and upon society, and for resuscitating paganism, under the specious pretext of establishing liberty, equality and fraternity throughout the world.'

"You, brethren, do not need to be told that this characterization of Masonry is cruelly unjust. That we might not appear in the eyes of the world to assent for a moment to such injurious and unwarranted assertions, I have thought it my duty, not with any desire to enter into controversy, but wishing simply to protest against the wrong done our Order, to say that the aims and teaching of Masonry are pure and peaceable. We place the word of God before the neophyte. We ask him to accept it as his guide, to reverence it as the sure revelation of Divine will, to seek its counsel, and to obey its precepts. Tolerant of other men's views, we demand that all Masons shall profess faith in the Supreme Being, in the immortality of the soul, and in a state of future rewards and punishments. Our counsels tend to peace, brotherly love and charity. To aid the widow and the orphan, to succor those in distress, to help those who need counsel or assistance—these are our duties.

"We give respect and obedience to the constituted authorities, strive to promote order, and love our most gracious Sovereign. The best and the greatest of men have been Masons. The illustrious heir to the British throne is the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and men, the foremost in arts, in literature, in arms, in the state, and in the church, are his brethren and ours.

"I dare not say that a bad man may not be a Mason, but I am very bold in saying that a good Mason cannot be a bad man. I regret that Cardinal Taschereau should have been so ill informed respecting Masonry, as to prepare and publish the document in question."

The whole "Proceedings" are well got up:—

The revision of the Constitution provides a way out of the difficulty about the Title of the Jurisdiction, by inserting "in the Province of Ontario" after the word "Canada."

Foreign correspondence—NONE!

The Benevolent Fund, however, has expended \$10,085.00, and has a balance of \$4,356.34! Well done!

"Besides the large amounts given by individual Masons, which are never recorded, and by Lodges, many of whom set aside a fixed percentage of their gross receipts to be expended in benevolence, this Grand Lodge has dispensed during the year ten thousand and eighty-five dollars.

M. W. Grand Master, H. Robertson, LL. B., Collingwood.

M. W. Grand Secretary, J. J. Mason, Hamilton.

Lodges, 415; Members, 19,256.

COLORADO—1886.

The 26th Annual Communication was held at Denver, October 5th, A. D. 1886. M. W. Grand Master Geo. Wyman in the G. East. We do not appear to have a Representative near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and that G. L. has no Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the genial brother (who so well did his Masonic duties), Nathan Tupper, is "at rest."

The Grand Master's address was able and business-like, but contains no points of sufficiently general interest to lead us to make quotations.

The able Report, of 142 pages, on Foreign Correspondence is from the facile pen of P. Grand Master Peabody. Our experience is not *quite* as bad as his in the reference with which he opens:

"When the writer hereof was called upon to act on this Committee, we were informed who the associate members of the same were, and feeling sure that *their* experience would be employed in the writing of this report, we accepted. Imagine our surprise when we were notified 'that *we* should do the work of reviewing and *they* would share their proportion of errors committed.'"

Nova Scotia receives two pages of fraternal notice—Brother Peabody is pleased to be complimentary—and from such a source a compliment is valuable.

But even grave reviewers must have their joke—and in 1885—we cried "all hail *Tin Cup* Lodge!!" which does seem to us a remarkable name to give to a Masonic Lodge! Brother Peabody retaliates by pointing to "Thistle" Lodge at "*Cow Bay*." Well! Cow Bay is the name of the place, and what vaccinator named it we know

not—he might be a Mason—or a Profane. But we are prepared, as Nova *Scotians*, to fight for the Scots national emblem, *the Thistle*, and ask our good brother to recollect the motto that goes with it: “Nemo me impune lacessit,” not that we would be unmasonic enough to use threats towards a member of a Grand Lodge that has a Subordinate Lodge (next in number to Tin Cup) named after the Land of Love, and is itself in Loveland.

Lodges, 64 ; M. Masons, 3919.

Grand Master, M. W. Albert H. Branch, Leadville.

Grand Secretary, Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.

CONNECTICUT—Vol. XII.

Ninety-ninth Annual Report comes with its truly Masonic cover and a portrait of its excellent Grand Master, who (although his name be Green) cannot, from his features, have any connection with Mr. *Verdant* Green.

There was an Emergent Meeting held at Norwalk for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the building of the “Benjamin Isaacs Masonic and Benevolent Association,” when an oration was made by Rev. Bro. Edward Anderson, beginning thus :

“BROTHERS AND FRIENDS : Heretofore the often speeches that I have made to you were wholly impromptu and rollicking in fun ; to-day, and out of respect for the day and the very serious work which it takes in hand, I want to speak to you very soberly and earnestly of masonry and of *our* masonry ; and, as much that I say is historic of Norwalk, I have departed from my usual custom on such occasions, and have placed on paper my address.”

But after a very excellent attempt to keep serious, and saying many grave and valuable sayings, the old leaven broke out in the midst of sober truths :

“What is it makes this growth that, out of the small beginning, has put a Lodge into every little town in Connecticut ? What puts men into lodges and keeps them there, and what leads poor men to give so freely and so constantly ?—for the poor and the rich pay just the same.

“It is because in the lodge man finds the answer to his craving for love in society, that he goes there. It is because brothers there are kind to his failings and long suffering to his weaknesses and quick to help him if he falls. It is because men there are patient in bearing with his ignorance, ready in helping him

to work, tender in caring for him in sickness, and thoughtful in introducing him to acquaintance. It is because no man can go into a lodge and remain a stranger to the brothers.

"There are, no doubt, men who are in the lodges—under its obligations but not in the real spirit of its purposes—who do harm to their order by their misdeeds and thereby bring a discredit to their society. Men, no doubt, sometimes on to the 'wee sma' hours ayont the twal' stay at billiards or keno, and tell their wives that they have been all the time at lodge. Bad habits grow and culminate in intemperance, while through misrepresentation the lodge suffers under the hiding that is made behind it. It is all a lie!

"No lodge harbors play at cards, and no lodge allows drink. When a man comes home flavored with liquor and out of pocket in money, he has been somewhere other than to a lodge in any order of which I know anything.

"And even in the bugaboo of the secrets of the order there is a great misapprehension. These secrets are very few and wholly innocent. A man may make all the signs of the orders I know anything about and not be noticed even by members of his own order unless they are specially on the alert for such signs; and even then they are merely for recognition, and much lies back to be told. There are many ways for detecting a secret society man, but they are ways that are not had on the street and are gotten by a close and scrutinizing questioning. You may hear a good many accounts of signs and mysteries, of grips and words that may be woven into stories or shown on a casual meeting between strangers. Receive them cautiously.

(Mr. Anderson here gave several stories into which, by gestures, he wove the various signs of several orders, to the amusement of men who recognized them.]

"I give you my pledge, whatever you may hear to the contrary, that the letters on the masonic key-stone in the Mark Master's degree, do not read 'King Solomon had two wives, some say ten.' So, too, the mark has no relation to Mark Twain."

His conclusion is really too good not to be given:

"The main secrets of our order are but two; the secrecy in which we hold from the world our knowledge of a brother's faults and foibles, as we cover them with the mantle of charity; and the secrecy with which we go to him and tell him his faults, between him and us alone, while we ever conceal and never reveal the sting that might accompany our rebuke. Yet this does not hold, common rumor to the contrary notwithstanding, to the extent of defeating the claims of justice.

"Yet another secret, had by our orders in common, is in our relief. We hold it a sacred fact that there may be some brother or brother's family, under stress of poverty or of sickness, too noble to stoop to wrong, and too proud to beg or even to make pinching wants known to us, on whom griping want may be laying her bony hand. It is our duty to know of such instances, by searching them out, and very secretly to help them. There are a good many of us who remember a time when we stood poor, penniless men, without even a paltry two-shilling piece, and when we were relieved from our distress by some kind hand which to this day we

never discovered. Ah ! how such a lesson is *marked* on one's mind and conscience. Under such a kindly deed you remember that you determined, 'should you ever meet a friend,' etc.

"These societies are open to all who are worthy, and they are organized for this very purpose. If you are obliged to pay for the privileges of the order, why not? The money all goes in charity, and it is strictly accounted for. Somebody is always helped by it—and each one's turn is liable to come in time. These organizations are *intended* as reclusive organizations, for the benefit of all who choose to avail themselves of their aid.

"Each society or order has a part in all this grand work of mutual beneficence. It does not profess to be a religion ; it is a fraternity.

"So in the work of our order we find that which is a general and a generous benevolence, helping where the need is, and with never a thought of fee or reward. No one sees the machinery by which the work is done. That is all in the secret conclave—"the silent half-hour." All that appears is that men and women are helped ; not where they can pay it back ; not when they are on a pinnacle and the observed of all, to reflect the glory of the deed ; but in poverty and obscurity and contempt, when the helping is life to them.

"Maybe in this we come nearer than we think to the Christ-teaching and to the spirit of the Master, who said : 'Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these, you have done it to ME.'"

The 99th Annual Communication was held at New Haven, M. W. Henry H. Green, Grand Master on the Throne. The opening ode by R. W. Grand Secretary Wheeler is excellent, but brother Wheeler we "Britishers" call it "God Save the Queen," not "America !"

OPENING ODE.

Tune—AMERICA.

Faith.

I bade the young man speed,
And told of lofty deed,
His heart to cheer ;
And pointed to the crown,
That's won by Faith alone,
Resting on deeds well done ;
Work ever dear.

Hope.

Mine was a holy trust,
To raise up from the dust
The fallen soul ;
Clothe it in armor bright,
Arm it with precious light,
Before the great throne white,
Its final goal.

Charity.

“ Within my throbbing breast,
 I hid the fatherless
 From sorrow’s night ;
 I dried the widow’s tear,
 With God’s consoling cheer,
 And blest a home most dear,
 With love and light.

The Reward.

“ Thrice well ! praiseworthy Three,
 Impress of Trinity :—
 Thy work begun,
 Lasts through eternity.
 Faith, Hope, and Charity,
 A blessing waiteth thee
 For deeds well done.”

The Grand Master’s address was admirable. He began :

“Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

“We are again assembled in annual communication ; and another year of prosperity is added to our masonic life.

“It is eminently proper that we should invoke the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, through whose favor we are permitted to-day, to assemble around our sacred altar in this beautiful city, to exchange fraternal greetings, to grasp the hand of friendship, to review the labors of our subordinate organizations, to render an account of our proceedings for the past year, to devise means whereby we may avoid in future those things which experience has taught us are wrong, and to legislate for the best interests of the craft in our jurisdiction.

“In all our deliberations may we be endowed with wisdom, strength and beauty; wisdom to adopt such principles for the regulation of our lives as shall make us better men and truer masons ; strength to exemplify continually the principles we profess ; and beauty, to adorn our pilgrimage through life by the practice of the tenets of a mason’s profession.”

He records a good amount of good work, and ends nobly :

“In the present awakened state of public sentiment, I feel more than justified in calling your attention to one masonic offence which, I fear more than any other, calls for masonic discipline in some of our lodges, and which, if tolerated in any degree, cannot fail to lessen the efficiency of our order if not to threaten its perpetuity. I refer to the masonic offence of intemperance. As temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of masonry, so intemperance of necessity, is one of the worst of masonic offences. It is so because it is the prolific source from which flows corruption and from which crime receives its inspiration ; and while masonry

labors for the elevation of man, the improvement of his physical, mental, and moral condition, and is engaged in practical charity, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, burying the dead and educating the orphan, intemperance degrades man, destroys his physical, intellectual and moral qualifications, without which a man can never rightfully cross the threshold of a lodge. It moreover impoverishes and ruins its votaries, makes widows and orphans, blasts the drunkard's hopes for the future and entails disgrace upon his posterity. This is a question upon which the voice of masonry, of all true philanthropy, of morality, and of the enlightened sentiment of the age, give no uncertain sound. Consistency, duty, the security and perpetuity of our institution, the law of self-preservation, the spirit of our teachings and the laws of our order require, that 'the outer door of our temple be more strongly guarded, and the inner temple purged if need be,' from this vice. Our desire is that the organic life of our beloved institution, may not only be maintained, but kept in vigorous activity, and that its influence for good may not be in the least diminished. Therefore allow me to urge upon your attention, the necessity of taking such action as shall protect our institution against this increasing evil, and in the name of the scores of our brethren who have been ruined by this vice, in behalf of the wives and children who will ere long become widows and orphans, and so become a charge upon the fraternity, and also in the name of our beloved institution which is being dishonored by this vice, I recommend prompt and decisive action.

"This communication closes the ninety-ninth, and we are just entering upon the one hundredth year of our existence as a Grand Lodge. The record of the past is before us ; what that of the future shall be, depends upon us and our successors. If we are true to the teachings of the past and faithful to the landmarks which have been left us for our guidance and instruction, then all will be well. Let us therefore sincerely and heartily resolve, to hand down to our successors, this precious legacy, this Grand Lodge, with its teachings, its principles, and its free-masonry, unshaken in its integrity and unsullied in its purity, just as we received it at the hands of its founders, with not a star dimmed, not a pillar fallen.

"I submit for your consideration the propriety of celebrating our centennial with appropriate ceremonies, and I recommend that the necessary arrangements be made at this communication.

"And now my brethren you have before you the record of my official acts during the past year.

"The duties pertaining to the office of the Grand Master, although pleasant, require much care and attention.

"Those duties I have performed to the best of my ability. I am not, however, unmindful of my liability to error, and I ask that you scrutinize them carefully before approval.

"And now, may the Supreme Grand Master of the universe grant his blessing upon all our deliberations, filling us with wisdom in council, and with charity towards one another, and as we separate at the close of this communication, may

we take with us a renewed love which shall inspire us to live more and more for our brethren, and less for ourselves, and finally my brethren let us

“ So live, that when our summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is well done, but was it
“ well done ” to leave poor Nova Scotia without any notice at all?
“ In what have we offended ?” Brother Wheeler.

M. W. Grand Master, Henry H. Green, Danielsonville.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.

Lodges, 111 ; Master Masons, 15,029.

DAKOTA—1886.

Neat, and in true Grand Lodge Blue, comes the well printed report of the “ Proceedings ” of the 12th Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Dakota.

Brother William Blatt, M. W. Grand Master, was in the Grand East, and spoke thus :

“ *Brethren of the Grand Lodge :*

“ It is under the most favorable auspices in every respect that we assemble to-day in twelfth annual communication. The past has been one of sure and steady progress to the craft in everything that tends to elevate the institution and its votaries to that level for which it was destined and created. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and a kind and beneficent Providence has continued us His favors and benefactions. For these and every blessing vouchsafed us, we must, as Masons, render fervent thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe, and by a due observance of His divine will as laid down upon the Masonic trestle-board, become deserving of a continuance of peace and His good will. Though one of the youngest, our position among the great sisterhood of Grand Lodges, I may, without egotism, state to be one that fills us with just satisfaction. To retain the same, and still further advance, we need but pursue the even tenor of that path mapped out for us. Unlike other institutions, Masonry need not advance. A tenacious adherence to first principles is our safety, while a deviation will lead

to chaos and final destruction. The foundation of the institution consists of those principles which are co-eval with creation and as unalterable as the Creator himself. A study, therefore, of these principles, the philosophy and ethics of Masonry, will lead and bring us nearer to that light which shines through eternity.

"I have found the chief evil to the Craft, the one production of nearly all discord existing, the undue anxiety of introducing new material objectionable to one or more members of a lodge. Reports of grievances on this account have been very frequent, and every subterfuge is often resorted to by the friends of the candidate to have him initiated or advanced over the objections of a member. The ballot or right of objection is the "Magna Charta" of the institution; its abuse is reprehensible, but each brother must answer the dictates of his conscience, and we cannot question his motives.

"The mode of preventing the election, initiation or advancement of applicants is clearly laid down, and a cheerful acquiescence in the result of every ballot, regardless of the moral qualifications of the applicant, is the duty of every member. Any disregard of this principle is a source of discord and contention."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence notices only Quebec, Mexico, Victoria and S. Australia.

Of Quebec they say :

"It is not deemed wise at this time for this Grand Lodge to take any action looking toward a suspension of Masonic intercourse with the English lodges in Montreal, or the Grand Lodge of England, in the hope that, as time advances and the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction becomes more generally recognized by the Grand Lodges of the world, the Grand Lodge of England will acknowledge the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, within the territorial limits of that province."

And of Mexico :

"The condition of Masonry in Mexico is such that your committee deem it inexpedient at present for this Grand Lodge to recognize either of the bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Mexico."

Where was our Representative, W. Brother Edward Porrett?

Lodges, 89; members, 3154

Grand Master, M. W. Wm. Blatt, Yankton.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Chas. T. McCoy, Aberdeen.

Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Committee, Arthur C. Mellette, Watertown.

FLORIDA—1887.

The 58th Annual Communication was held in Jacksonville, Jan. 7th, A. D., 1887, M. W. George S. Hallmark, Grand Master, on the Throne.

The Grand Master's address is replete with true masonic feeling, as witness this passage :

“It is a great law in nature that the mightiest forces in her realm operate silently and unseen. The stupendous power of gravitation that moves all worlds and holds the Universe in its grasp, operates so silently and obscurely, that its very existence is often unexpected, except by those who comprehend the mighty mystery. So Masonry has gone on from age to age, performing her own silent mission of good to the world, often unseen and unrecognized, only by those who have felt the genial influence of her secret power. If her record is to be blazoned in glowing statistics, or proclaimed with Pharasaic pretensions at the street corners with sounding trumpets, then she modestly declines the unworthy test ; but if the silent inscriptions, written in a true and faithful heart, a genuine and manly character, and a life whose aims were nurtured in a school of truth and the teachings of virtue, if these are the criterions of her judgment, then may she proudly hold up her head, and with the noble Roman matron with her children around her, exclaim in the face of her enemies, ‘These are my jewels.’ But to complete the answer to the question, What good does Masonry do? We turn now, to another great object which Masonry proposes. This is embraced in its own formula, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, or in the scripture phrase, ‘Faith, Hope and Charity.’ Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, Charity in all Men. Nobler, worthier motives than these, no man can entertain. No creed can expound.”

The Grand Orator, Rev. and W. Brother R. H. Weller, D.D., did his duty eloquently. He well says :

“‘Our life is a related one,’ I cannot say my life is my own, and I will live it in my own way, I will make myself the point within the circle, and even the circle itself of my moral world. The tie of brotherhood forbids the thought. The man who would live upon that principle is a moral iceberg, the thermometer of moral feeling drops down below zero at his approach ; he goes into society, and is busy about his business as other men, but is determined to live only for himself, but he cannot do it. ‘For cold, rigid, irrepressible, he is a felt power recognized wherever he goes, by the chilliness of the atmosphere of his presence, bringing in the frost of selfishness, which nips the opening buds of kindly feeling in others, and make them as barren and fruitless as his own.’”

No Foreign Correspondence !

May it, without offence, be asked why the neat little pamphlet is bound in "Quaker Drab" and not in "True Blue?"

Grand Master, M. W. Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola.

Grand Secretary, M. W. D. C. Dawkins, P. G. M., Jacksonville.
Lodges, 97 ; Members, 2686.

GEORGIA—1886.

Annual Communication held at Macon, Oct. 26, A. D. 1886.

M. W. John J. Davidson, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master has made ten decisions on questions which surely needed no reference if Worshipful Masters were up in their work.

He issued 30 dispensations and commissions, none of which require remark. His eulogy on Brother Butler is worthy of preservation :

"When last, with heads bowed down, we stood to receive that benediction which Masonry teaches us to seek, before departing from her altar, the lips that gave utterance to the well-formed thoughts which flowed from the abundant supplies of a tender heart, were those of Past Grand Master and Grand Chaplain David E. Butler. To-day we listen in vain for the supplications which so moved us: we hear no more the appeals that deeply stirred us; the lips are forever silent, the heart forever still. The very midnight shades of nature spread themselves over the form which once held a spirit as loyal and a soul as true as ever stood in the presence of man. To Masonry he gave the rare devotion of a long and brilliant life. From the hour when in the north-east corner he received the charge of the Master, until he laid aside that emblem of authority with which for many years he guided the labors of the Craft in all this Jurisdiction, he bore its welfare upon a faithful breast and its good name as a shield. No music found nearer place in his heart than its fraternal songs, no hope stood higher in his life than its sacred promises, no benefactions touched him with more potential weight than the beauties of its charity. For the defense of its good name, he stood ever armed like valiant soldier; for exposition of its claims upon mankind, he was a gifted teacher; for distribution of its bounties, he was a generous almoner. And though he stood a Priest of the Living God at other altars, and poured into the souls of dying men the words which told of eternal life, though he ministered to the sick and gave solace to the sorrowing, as he went about in the loving service of his Master, though his fellows heaped honors upon his head and laureled his brow with praises for well performed duties and rare public spirit, though called to preside over colleges of learning and large assemblies of distinguished men representing his religious faith, though often bearing the palm of

victory in his hands from legislative debate and contest, though often battling against prejudice and fighting against wrong, he never faltered and never varied even by the breadth of a single hair in his strong allegiance and tender attachment to the claims and principles of Masonry. And for such cause *we* cannot hold him dead. In every prayer shall he have a part, in every hope a place, in every effort an interest, in every Masonic assemblage a memory. He shall go on with the steps of our noble institution and keep pace with all the advance which we make to attain to a higher plane of practice and desire. We will remember, too, that when affliction fell upon him and suffering bound him in cords which cut the quivering flesh as with a sharpened blade, he made no murmur; that when days grew into weeks without hope of change, and the shadows which they brought spread darker and broader about the path he trod, he turned not back from his purpose to bear, even in darkness, every burden his Master laid. We will remember that when for the last time his sun went down and left no promise of an earthly morrow, he entered upon the night which shut him out forever from kindred and family, brethren and friends, bearing into the midnight gloom the olive branch of peace with God and the victor's song of triumph over death. Here he wore the jewels of the Order, there he wears the crown of everlasting life. Here he saw the barrenness and felt the breath of Winter, there Spring receives him on her flowery shore. Here he watched the ebb and flow of pleasure's tide, there he sees the swelling flood of God's eternal love. Here he mingled with the dust which we name man, there with seraphic hosts he lifts his voice in hallelujahs.

“He is gone at length, he is laid in the dust,
 Death's hand his slumbers breaking.
 For the Confined sleep of the good and just,
 Is a sure and blissful waking.

His brethren's hearts is his funeral urn,
 And should sculptured stone be denied him,
 Then his name will be found when in turn
 We lay our heads beside him.”

The Grand Lodge is working out of debt. There is a brief but good report on Foreign Correspondence, with “five fingers” in it, openly acknowledged by name or initials. Nova Scotia fell to the lot of Brother Stern, and receives the reverse of stern treatment. The statement, however, that the vacancy in Grand Lodge Representatives to which we called attention, has been filled, does not agree with the lists on pages 89 and 90.

Grand Master, M. W. John S. Davidson, Augusta.

Grand Secretary, R. W. A. M. Wolihin, Macon.

Lodges, 275; Master Masons, 11,258.

IDAHO—1886.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, was held in Boise City, Sept. 14th, A. D. 1886.

M. W. George Henry Davis, Grand Master, presiding, (the G. M. had also been in the Grand East on 10th of August, in the same City at an Emergent Communication for the sad purpose of attending the funeral obsequies of Past Grand Master, John A. Post.) We were only represented by R. W. P. D. G. M., S. C. Hale. The Grand Master in his address thus spoke of the death of P. G. M. Post :

“The pleasure of our meeting is clouded by the absence of him who only a year ago presided over the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction. On the eighth of August, just passed, John A. Post, M. W., Past Grand Master, was instantaneously killed by the discharge of a gun in his own hands. A most careful investigation by a coroner’s jury resulted in a verdict of ‘accidental death.’ We mourn the death of one who was endeared to us by many virtues. Brother Post was possessed of most estimable traits of character. He was an earnest and devoted Mason, a kind husband, a loving father, a generous friend, and an honored citizen. The Grand Lodge will take the proper steps for placing upon record its estimation of the character and services of our lamented brother, and its heartfelt sympathy for his bereaved wife and children.

“An event like this, so sudden, so mysterious, so unlooked for, admonishes us with a sad eloquence beyond the power of tongue or pen to prepare for the time when we, too, shall be called hence to render our own account for our work in this earthly temple.

“On the tenth day of August I convened a special communication of the Grand Lodge in this city, and with the help of the officers and a large number of the brethren then present, with Masonic honors deposited the mortal remains of our brother in their last earthly resting-place. May he rest in peace.”

They have in this young jurisdiction an excellent Orphan Fund :

“Drafts have been made upon the Orphan Fund for the relief of the following orphans, viz. :

Georgie and Willie Rowe.....	\$ 67 50
Mattie and Jacob Cohn.....	100 00
Child of the late Brother W. D. Wardwell.....	50 00
Stella and Alice Curry.....	100 00

“It is with gratitude and pleasure that I report that the orphan children of our late Brother Rowe have been provided with good and permanent homes, where they will receive all the advantages which Christian culture and refinement can afford.”

Why cannot Nova Scotia "do likewise?"

Amongst decisions :

"*Question*—We made a mistake, and black-balled a candidate. We desire to rescind that ballot and try it again. Can we do it?"

"*Answer*—A ballot rejecting an applicant for degrees or membership can not be rescinded. The only remedy for such mistakes is a new petition at the proper time, and in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge."

"*Question*—What steps should be taken upon the application of an Entered Apprentice who presents a dimit under the seal of the lodge in which he was entered, not in this jurisdiction, and applies in regular form for the remaining degrees in this lodge?"

"*Answer*—The general rule governing the advancement of initiates is, that they are the property of the lodge commencing the work, and can only be advanced upon the request of that lodge. The lodge doing the work acts as proxy for the lodge preferring the request. The party advanced does not thereby come under the jurisdiction of the lodge doing the work, nor is that lodge entitled to the fees, unless the same be surrendered by the requesting lodge. Subsequently the dimit in question being submitted to me, I ruled: This paper can be taken as permission to your lodge to receive and act upon the petition of Brother F. for the remaining degrees, and if accepted and advanced, he will become a member of your lodge; the lodge which commenced the work having surrendered jurisdiction."

There is a Committee on Foreign Correspondence but no report.
M. W. Grand Master, George H. Davis, Boise City.

R. W. Grand Secretary, James H. Wickersham, Silver City.

Lodges, 13; Master Masons, 540.

ILLINOIS—1886.

Another "Couleur de Rose" Jurisdiction. We much prefer "true blue." The volume is excellently printed and consists of 440 pages of good paper.

M. W. Alex. T. Darrah, Grand Master on the Throne,—his address on the Quebec difficulty gives a long edict, ending thus :

"I *therefore*, by virtue of authority in me vested as Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, and by virtue of the action taken by the Grand Lodge at its last session, do hereby issue this, my EDICT, commanding all brethren acknowledging the authority of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, to hold no Masonic intercourse with any member or members of any lodge existing

in the Province of Quebec enrolled on the register of any foreign Grand Lodge, other than that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"It is further ordered that in the examination of visitors from the above specified Province, in addition to the usual questions, the question of whether the lodge from which they hail, acknowledges the authority of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, must be specifically answered in the affirmative as a prerequisite to Masonic intercourse of any kind whatsoever.

"It is also ordered that this edict be read at the first stated communication of the lodge after its reception."

Faternally,

ALEX. T. DARRAH,

Grand Master.

(SEAL)

Attest :

L. L. MUNN,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master continues :

"The attention of the 'United Grand Lodge of England' being called to this action of our Grand Lodge it adopted the report of its 'Colonial Board,' which recommended that the patent appointing Brother John M. Palmer as Representative of the 'United Grand Lodge of England' near the Grand Lodge of Illinois be withdrawn, and that the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near that of the 'United Grand Lodge of England' be requested to resign his commission. Consequently, in March, formal notice was received from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons in England and its provinces, of the action had by said Grand Lodge.

"It is very much to be regretted that the Grand Lodge of England thought best to sever the fraternal relations existing between the two Grand Lodges, so far as the exchange of Representatives is concerned. On the part of the Grand Lodge of Illinois there certainly was no desire, and so far as we are able to judge, no sufficient cause for the severing of such relations. This edict only reasserted the American doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and so far as the three English lodges in Montreal are concerned, they are no worse off now than before the edict was issued. Since the adoption of our present code of by-laws, years ago, it has not been possible for a member of either of the three lodges, which have given rise to all the trouble and dispute under consideration, to visit a lodge in the jurisdiction of Illinois. Section 2, Article XIX., Part Second Grand Lodge By-Laws, positively prohibits such visitations, for the reason that these lodges are not 'working under and by virtue of a charter or dispensation issued by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master recognized by this Grand Lodge as having jurisdiction over the country, state, province or territory in which such lodge may be situated.' It is with profound regret that I announce the severance of 'direct relationship' hitherto so pleasant and fraternal, and productive only of a mutual desire to promote brotherly love and friendship and the welfare and prosperity of each other, and the sublime principles of our ancient Craft. It is earnestly to be

desired that a way may be speedily found, alike honorable to all the parties interested, for the removal of this strife-producing cause, 'that the unity and harmony so essential to true fraternity may soon be fully' and completely restored among all the jurisdictions of the Masonic world."

Speaking of intemperance and profanity he says :

"These evils have crept into our lodges, and to such a degree that it is time to 'cry aloud and spare not.' These offenders may be found in almost every lodge, and give more trouble and annoyance than all other causes combined. Not only so, but threaten the peace, prosperity and even the perpetuity of our Fraternity as a noble, grand and moral institution.

"These crimes have come to be looked upon, by so large a proportion of many lodges, as merely indiscretions, and not as serious offences, that it is wholly impossible for some lodges to discipline members for the common habit of drunkenness and profanity.

- "So lost are some lodges to a sense of propriety, dignity and the character of Masonry as to be guilty of according public mortuary ceremonies to deceased members whose lives have been characterized by vile and vicious practices of drunkenness and debauchery.

"I trust that the like may never happen again in the State of Illinois. In some cases this has grown out of a misapprehension of the duties of the lodges toward deceased members.

"The impression seems to prevail, that a brother who is, technically, in good standing in the lodges although the most disreputable, profane and debauched person in the community, is entitled, in case of death, to public Masonic mortuary services. No greater mistake could be made.

"A Masonic lodge is not obliged to accord a public Masonic burial to any brother, no matter what his standing may be in the community. A lodge may or may not perform such services. It remains for the lodge or Master to decide whether it is proper or not to turn out as a lodge on the death of a brother."

Which we consider just and sound. It is one thing to draw the broad mantle of Masonic charity over a brother's feelings, another—quite another, to parade, as if in sympathy with his feelings.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was begun by the well tried hand of Bro. Theodore T. Gurney, P. G. M., but is finished by Bro. Joseph Robbins, who modestly says :

"No hand is quite fit to finish another's work, and we can claim but one qualification for taking up the pen that dropped from our beloved Past Grand Master's palsied hand, and that is a complete accord with him of sympathy and judgment on the chief matters which he had at heart. This may enable us to forecast in a measure the points on which he would probably have dwelt on his summing up, and on which he would certainly have dwelt could he have been forewarned that

his utterance might be—what in spite of our hopes it may prove to be—his last legacy to the Craft he has served so well.”

We cordially add our hopes for the recovery of our most able brother correspondent. Whether of the twain dealt with Nova Scotia we know not, but like all the review, it is very ably done, not slightly, but with careful discernment. The writer is pleased to be complimentary to the Chairman of your Committee, but wishes he would be a better representative of himself; this he has the honour of declining, he repeats his business is not to give his individual opinions but to show as far as, in limited space, he can the state of masonry in each jurisdiction. The Illinois Reviewer says :

“As might be expected, Bro. Moore is very pronounced in hostility to vice. He can not do better than to level his batteries upon profanity, drunkenness, licentiousness and kindred derelictions. Happily, there is a growing disposition to rid the Fraternity of these blisters upon the organization.”

Indeed, the Craft in Nova Scotia never was more free from “Blisters” of this description, and none such would be endured in any Lodge of which we have cognizance. One mistake is made, speaking of Bro. Moore, the Reviewer makes him say, what a frequent but unknown contributor to our Foreign Correspondence report specially fathers :

“What is this Past Master’s *Degree*, so called? Are there *four* degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry? If there are, all right; but if pure Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and *no more*, as we have always been taught, then we also are anxious to get more light. Dermott, it is true did, somewhere about the year A. D. 1756, with the assistance of other fertile brains, concoct the Royal Arch (unknown, we believe, to the old Grand Lodge of England of 1717), and as a compromise, at the Union of 1813, that—the Royal Arch was recognized as an appendant *order*—attached to the 3rd; but we ask for information, and being only an occasional hand, we want to be dealt gently with, and do not wish our Rev. and R. W. chairman to be held responsible for what some of the Great Lights may consider a very stupid question.”

M. W. Alex. T. Darrah, Grand Master, Bloomington.

R. W. Loyal L. Munn, Grand Secretary, Freeport.

Lodges, 775; Master Masons, 40,203.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1886.

Rose Pink seems to be the color through which Masons see their Proceedings in this Territory. Well it *is* pleasant to have everything '*couleur de rose*,' though, strange to say, we prefer Masonic Proceedings when they 'look blue.'

There was an Emergent Communication held in the town of South Canadian, Choctaw Nation, July 9, A. D. 1886, to lay the Corner Stone of the Hall of the Lodge there still U. D. This is plucky!

The 12th Annual Communication was held at A-to-ka, Choctaw Nation, November 2nd, A. D. 1886. Florian H. Nash, M. W. Grand Master, in the Grand East.

We have no representative!

From the Grand Master's decisions we take the following:

"Ques. 1—A profane was rejected by M. Lodge, afterwards petitioned F. Lodge; was accepted and made a F. C. When F. Lodge learned that he had been rejected by M. Lodge, they petitioned for the privilege of raising him. Ought or could M. Lodge grant it?

"Ans.—F. Lodge did wrong to act upon the petition without being satisfied that the petitioner had never been rejected by another lodge. Having ascertained the fact they did right to stop proceedings, though they had conferred the E. A. & F. C. degrees. It is according to usage that F. Lodge should ask waiver of jurisdiction of M. Lodge, as he is their material. Waiver could be granted by vote of M. Lodge, and under the circumstances I advised to do so, unless there was some good and sufficient reason for refusing, in which case charges should be preferred against the Fellow Craft. (Learned afterwards that the waiver was granted and the brother made a M. M.)

"Ques. 2—A candidate was elected at a regular communication in September; lodge failed to meet in October. Candidate was present; came some distance, and was disappointed. At the November communication candidate was carried, by mistake, past the lodge, by railroad. Getting off at a switch he hurried back, but the lodge had closed and some of the members gone home. The W. M. being present, with a sufficient number of M. M. present, called an Emergent Lodge and initiated the candidate. Was it legal?

"Ans.—Yes.

"Ques. 6—Can the burial ceremony be performed at the grave of a brother some time buried?

"Ans.—Know of no suitable Masonic ceremony that can be performed at the grave of a brother after burial; it would be better and more appropriate to have a suitable Masonic discourse at the erection of a monument over the grave, which would be paying all respect and due honor to his memory."

Brother J. S. Murrow presents a very nice report on Foreign Correspondence. We are sorry not to be included.

Lodges 25 ; M. Masons, 748.

M. W. Grand Master, Florian H. Nash, Fort Gibson.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Joseph S. Murrow, A-to-ka.

IOWA—1886.

We admire your truly Masonic cover, brethren of Iowa, blue with gold square and compasses of full size.

The 43rd Annual Communication was held at Des Moines, June 1st, 1886.

M. W. Charles T. Granger, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

From the Grand Master's able address we take the following extracts :

“In my experience as Grand Master I have sometimes thought that the business of *Mason-making*, was to some extent overshadowing the lessons taught for *Mason's-doing*, and to an extent detrimental to our well-being. This unwarranted zeal has so many promptings that it is difficult to control, and future Grand Masters will find their ingenuity taxed in applying rules of restraint thereto. The remedy is not in a change of the law, for it can be no more positive. That ‘eternal vigilance’ which ‘is the price of liberty,’ is the anchor of our hope in this respect.

“Our written law is silent as to the method of procedure where offences are committed or unmasonic conduct occurs in the presence of the lodge. Cases of this kind are quite numerous in which no action is taken, or if taken, it is by charges formerly preferred, and the long delays in taking testimony, convening the lodge, and service of notice, renders the result of little if any avail in the way of discipline. In my judgment, these offences occurring *in the presence of the lodge* should be dealt with summarily without the formality of charges preferred, notice to members, and the convocation of the lodge for trial.

“In one case, a member came into the lodge in a state of intoxication (unquestionably so). The Master sought information from me as to what should be done in such a case. I held that he should have called the brother at once before him, and asked him to show cause why he should not be punished for thus presenting himself in open lodge, and that unless he could excuse himself to the satisfaction of the lodge, that he should be then and there punished, and to that end he should be ordered to retire, and the question put to the lodge, ‘shall he be expelled?’ And if not, ‘shall he be suspended?’ And if not, a reprimand must follow. This course may be too direct, and the distance too short for a free use of evasive and technical resorts, but I am sure, if sustained, it will bear good fruit

for the craft. These cases are distinguishable from those governed by our code of criminal procedure, in this : That they are committed *in the presence of the lodge*, are particular offences against the lodge as well as the order, and the necessity for proofs are obviated by the fact that the lodge witnesses the facts, and the burden then falls on the wrong-doer to excuse his conduct, in the absence of which he stands convicted."

We are very sorry to find that such words as these that follow are needed :

"I could not go into retirement and feel that I had endeavored fully to discharge my duty if I should neglect this final opportunity to call your attention officially to this prevalent and growing evil.

"The law of this jurisdiction, enacted by this Grand Lodge, is as follows : 'Electioneering for office in the Grand Lodge, or the constituent lodge is a Masonic offence, and therefore is sternly forbidden.' I have no information that this rule of law is violated in constituent lodges. Its violation in the Grand Lodge is so open and notorious that no member can be ignorant of the fact that it exists.

"Prior to my first visit to this Grand Lodge, in 1880, I had never known an instance of the violation of that law in letter or spirit. I had been educated to believe that it was un-masonic to ask for, or if elected to an office, to decline it if able to render the services demanded. And here, where of all places I expected every rule to be observed as a sacred duty, and among the law makers of the craft I found among many a seeming disregard of that wise provision of the law.

"So sensitive is Masonry, and even this Grand Lodge, on this subject, that nominations—naming of persons for office is forbidden. This, as well as the prohibition on electioneering, I understand to be the unwritten law of the order. I have been advised in friendly council upon this question, that while this law may serve some good purpose in *theory*, it is hardly available for *practice*. Then I suggest a plain duty—repeal it. As Masons we cannot afford, by our actions to brand our profession as false—to make the law and openly violate it.

"The Grand Secretary could see no other way in which he could economize to save the Grand Lodge a few dollars, save in the omission to prepare and publish his annual report on correspondence. This he has done, and this year again the readers of our proceedings will miss that document from the volume. Did we not write that report, we might have more to say, and as it is, our modesty does not forbid the remark that these reports command and have for years elicited much interest and commendation. Hence we do not think it wise or just to the Grand Lodge that this omission should be repeated. The Grand Lodge could easily, did a majority of the members appreciate it as they should, by *any sacrifice on their part*, provide for all that should be done."

William Paget Allen (Dubuque), Grand Master.

T. S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 430; Master Masons, 21,816.

KANSAS—1887.

The 31st Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Atchison, February 16, 1887.

M. W. Silas E. Sheldon, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

They have tried a "School of Instruction" in Topeka, on which the G. M. says :

"I had the pleasure of attending the school of instruction in the city of Topeka, April 13th to the 20th, 1886, and while these schools are of great benefit to the Craft as far as they are able or can attend them, yet, in my judgment they fall far short of accomplishing the object for which they were created. There were only about nine brethren in attendance from other lodges outside of the city where the school was held.

"The reason that the present system does not seem to accomplish the desired object, is on account of the time occupied, and the expenses necessarily incurred by those living a long distance from the place of holding the school."

What is wanted in each jurisdiction is a "Live Lecturer," and the Lodges to call on him to come and teach them.

We were glad to see M. W. Bro. Sheldon's views on Masonic trials—though we are not much troubled with them here.

"If there is one thing above another that I have endeavored during my administration to prevent and avoid among lodges and brethren, it is masonic trials, and I most sincerely and devoutly wish that the masons of Kansas would apply themselves to the task of endeavoring to prevent and avoid instead of encouraging them. It can only be done in one way, and that is for each and every individual mason doing his whole duty to his God, his brother and himself.

"A great majority of these so-called masonic trials could be avoided if the Masters and older and better informed members of the lodge would only do their duty, and whenever differences arise between the brethren, bring them together and let them reason as brethren should do, in the true spirit of masonry, bearing ever in mind the solemn obligations they have assumed, and the duties which they owe to each other and to the fraternity.

"Brethren, if we would all do our duty as masons, if we would be governed by the sublime and wholesome teachings of our Order, if we would practice out of the lodge those precepts that we are taught in, if we would take as the rule and guide of our actions toward our brethren *The Golden Rule*, there would never again be a so-called masonic trial in any lodge in this jurisdiction, and we could erase from our Constitution and By-laws our whole Code of 'Trials and Punishments,' and peace and harmony would prevail in every lodge, and brotherly love would rule in every mason's heart.

"I wish that every brother could be brought to realize these facts, and realizing

them be constrained to practice them ; then would masonry be what it should be, and what it was intended to be, a bright and shining light in the world, and a blessing to mankind."

Bro. John H. Brown submits "For the Committee" a first-rate report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Nova Scotia receives its full meed, quoting from Grand Master Laurie's interesting letter in 1886. He says :

"The Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. David C. Moore, and is made up chiefly of quotations well and judiciously selected with brief and pointed comments thrown in. Kansas is among the number receiving attention."

Thanks for good opinion.

M. W. Henry C. Cook, Grand Master, Topeka.

R. W. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary, Wyandotte.

Lodges 287 ; Master Masons, 14,638.

KENTUCKY—1886.

A volume of 520 pages, contains the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1886.

The 87th Annual Communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 19, 1886.

M. W. Bernard Gratz Witt being in his place as Grand Master, as was also Bro. Dr. G. D. Buckner in his place as Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master quoted a circular which he had issued as to non-affiliates, which is worthy of attention by many in Nova Scotia :

"GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY,

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

"HENDERSON, KY., March 22, 1886.

"*Dear Brethren*—The number of non-affiliates is perhaps equal to, or even exceeds, the number of affiliates, and is increasing—chiefly from suspension for non-payment of dues. They remain 'out of the fold' from indifference or because it is inconvenient to pay the amount owing ; or, second, the lodge has ceased to work, and its books have not been sent to the Grand Secretary and he can not, therefore, know their status so as to enable him to issue a dimit that the brother might affiliate with some other lodge, for, without a certificate of dimit, it is improper for any lodge to elect an applicant to membership.

"The last Master and Secretary of a defunct lodge, or one whose charter has been arrested, violate their obligations and are liable to trial when they fail to

send the books, charter, etc., of their lodge as required on pages 34-5, Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

"To overcome the first obstacle Grand Lodge (Proceedings 1885, page 84) made provision. That this provision may become available, brethren are requested and *urged* to report to Grand Secretary the name and address of any persons having possession of defunct lodge books, etc., and aid the Grand Secretary in obtaining such property, which belongs to Grand Lodge, and is now unlawfully in possession of any one else, whether they may have been a former 'agent' or any other person."

Brother Jas. W. Staton is Chairman of the Committee, and presents an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence.

Why Kentucky was not noticed by us last year can only be explained by the fact that the 'Proceedings' never reached us: judging from the present work the loss is 'ours.'

The notice taken by Grand Master Laurie of "The Father of his Country," is courteously accepted and acknowledged.

Of ourselves Bro. Staton says :

"The review is made up principally from excerpts, with now and then a little cropping out of opinion. We find little or nothing with which to differ, so we must be content to wish our brother a fraternal good-bye, and pass to the next."

Quite so ; we have no desire to allow our opinions to obtrude further than by a little "cropping out." The "deep seam" of the mine lies throughout the 46 Grand Jurisdictions which fill the Masonic Basin of Fuel for thought.

Grand Master, Jas. W. Hopper, Lebanon.

Grand Secretary, Hiram Bassett, Millersburg.

Lodges, 631 ; M. Masons, 13,410.

LOUISIANA—1887.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Grand Communication was held at New Orleans on 14th February. Grand Master Joseph P. Horner in the Grand East. The volume of proceedings has a portrait and a sketch of the life of the Grand Master, the latter from the pen of brother J. Q. A. Fellows, shows him to be an enthusiastic mason and an eminent masonic ritualist, and he enjoys a national reputation as a writer of Reports on Foreign Correspondence.

There were three special Communications during 1886, one at Baton Rouge "for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the monument to the Confederate Dead" on February 27th, and another at New Orleans, July 13th, for "the laying of the corner-stone of the hall of the Women's Industrial Association," after which Judge Brice entertained Grand Lodge at his residence. The 3rd special Communication was held also in New Orleans, to lay the corner-stone of the "Jewish Widows' and Orphans' New Home."

In his address to Grand Lodge Grand Master Horner mentions many at rest. The Grand Lodge is in debt about \$900, but that is a trifle in such a community, but there is also a financial question of some moment as regards a certain "Temple property. On re-instatement of members the Grand Master says :

"Great good has resulted from the adoption at last Annual Communication of the resolution providing for the re-instatement of brethren suspended for non-payment of dues by a majority vote on payment or remission or part payment and part remission of the amount due at time of suspension, and by its operation not only has the Order gained back a goodly number of worthy members, but the Lodges themselves have further benefitted by receiving considerable sums of money in compromises with delinquents, which otherwise would not have come into their coffers.

"There is no need to require so much formality for the restoration of a brother to his membership ; the way should, on the contrary, be made easy for him and the Lodge door held as widely open as possible : once a Mason he is always a Mason, no matter how much he owes the Lodge, and the greater facility that is given him to resume his fraternal workings with his brethren, so much the greater benefit will it be to him and to the Craft at large : let us remember the parable of the lost lamb, and be glad to welcome our returning brethren."

In which we heartily coincide.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by brother J. Q. A. Fellows, covering 135 pages, and is in a form unusual with other committees, viz., under subjects rather than localities, *e. g.* :

"Subjects not now generally under discussion ; Joint occupancy of Halls ; Physical qualifications of Candidates ; The Black Ball ; The Resurrection of the Body ; Perpetual Jurisdiction ; Past Master's Degree ; Grand Lodges and Grand Masters ; Grand Lodges of Quebec, England, Australia, etc. ; Sociability of the Order ; Object and Design of Freemasonry ; Life-membership, Non-affiliation, Suspension for Non-payment of Dues, etc. ; Foreign Grand Bodies."

This must entail a much larger amount of labor on Bro. Fellows, and his fellows on the committee.

M. W. Grand Master, Charles F. Buck, New Orleans.

R. W. Grand Secretary, J. C. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans.

Lodges 118 ; Master Masons, 3,899.

MAINE—1887.

Sixty-Eighth Annual Communication was held at Portland, May 3rd, 1887, M. W. Fessenden I. Day, Grand Master, presiding, with twenty Grand Officers present, independently of 17 District Deputies, who were also at the opening of Grand Lodge. Seven P. G. Masters and ten Past G. Wardens were in attendance also, and the representatives from 160 of the 187 Lodges in the State. Truly this was a grand opening.

The Grand Master, in speaking of the condition of masonry in Maine, says that they average more than 110 members for each Lodge, and that with but few exceptions all are strong and flourishing.

Among the dispensations granted by the G. Master during the year we notice the following, differing widely from our own practice :

“October 11th, to Star in the East Lodge, to hold a public installation in the town of Bradley, several miles from their hall in Oldtown, but within their own jurisdiction.”

On the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues the Grand Master suggests as a remedy that secretaries report at each Annual Meeting, the names of all members who are two years in arrears, and that the Junior Warden within thirty days prefer charges against them. He thinks that a large number of those suspended from year to year could have been saved, and adds the following truism : “*if all secretaries did their duty no regulation of this kind would be needed.*”

We copy with pleasure the following, as the reviewer has had a somewhat similar experience, not only in the matter of the 3rd degree, but in the placing of a son in the chair of King Solomon :

“I trust that you will pardon me when I speak of a masonic event of rare occurrence, and in the success of which I took a great interest, which occurred December 30th, at Masonic Hall, in Lewiston. On the evening of that day, by invitation of the Master of my Lodge, I had the pleasure of conferring the Master Mason's degree upon my own son. I was exceedingly grateful in having

every working officer of the Grand Lodge present and filling his corresponding office in Rabboni Lodge. Many other officers and members of the Grand Lodge were present and assisted in this, to me, the happiest masonic event of my life, the memory of which will ever remain a pleasure."

The labors of the venerable Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, whom an attack of paralysis had rendered unable to work for a time, were thus spoken of by the Committee on "doings of Grand Officers:—"

"We have examined the records of the Grand Secretary, and find them worthy of the commendation of this M. W. Grand Lodge."

We sympathize deeply with our venerable brother in the affliction he has been called upon to bear, and assure him that a visitor to his office in Portland some seventeen years ago remembers with much pleasure the kind and fraternal reception given, as well as the information so courteously afforded on that occasion.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the *master hand* of the North. About 176 closely printed pages ably reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, are devoted to this part of the book. Bro. Drummond devotes 2½ pages to Nova Scotia for 1886, and in speaking of M. W. Bro. Laurie's absence, says:

"The active duties of the Grand Master devolved upon his Deputy, Bro. William Ross, whose address is limited to a concise statement of his official acts and visitations: he was evidently a zealous and faithful officer."

Of the *one* English Lodge in Nova Scotia composed entirely of military men (non-commissioned officers) Bro. Drummond quotes Bro. Moore of Nova Scotia as follows:

"We presume that the United States of America form an independent sovereign jurisdiction, but are there no residents, nay, are there no whole settlements, composed of persons still owing allegiance to Queen Victoria and other European Sovereigns? We fail to see that a *permitted* residence within the jurisdiction of a sovereign power is any infraction of the sovereign rights; the infraction occurs when this residence of individuals in the state, or existence of lodges within a masonic jurisdiction, takes place, and is even insisted upon *without* or even *against the will* of the independent sovereign power of the state or masonic jurisdiction. It is rather hard to call our Military Lodge '*a curse*.' We say may T. G. A. O. T. U. bless them altogether!"

And then adds:

"If the lodge is a military lodge in the proper sense of the term, it has no territorial jurisdiction, and confines its work to the army and really to candidates who are residents of Great Britain, and only temporarily in Nova Scotia. To

this we see no objection ; but if it has territorial jurisdiction, and initiates civilians resident in Nova Scotia, the illustration of Bro. Moore is not in point."

And then again after repeating Nova Scotia's answer to Pennsylvania's strictures on the same subject as follows :

"Now, hands off, Bro. Vaux, just for one moment. The members of Royal Standard, No. 398, on the Grand Register of England, are not civilians, but are non-commissioned officers of the British regiments stationed in this garrison ; men who are here to-day and away to-morrow. It is an understood thing that they take no civilians—that they recruit entirely from the different branches of the service stationed here, and they do so ; consequently, there is no conflict whatever, and our sovereign rights are not invaded."

Bro. Drummond says :

"We see no objection to this. During our civil war, many jurisdictions organized military lodges, which had no location but moved with the army, and there was no ground of complaint that they interfered with the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge."

To all this we may add that the Royal Standard since its establishment in 1815 has been confined in its material to the different branches of the service stationed in this garrison from time to time—that in recruiting they act upon the honorable principle *quo fas et honor ducunt*, and that as men of honor and brethren of honor they can never depart from the well understood terms by which they so harmoniously "live, move, and have their being" amongst us.

(For more on this subject see our Review of Quebec).

It is evident that Bro. Drummond and we are one on the subject of decisions of Grand Masters, for he says :

"Bro. Moore is inclined to give little weight to the decisions of Grand Masters, though confirmed by the Grand Lodge, because usually they receive only a hurried consideration by the committee, and none by the Grand Lodge. He must except Maine from this statement. The decisions are announced, referred to the committee and published in the Proceedings ; at the next annual communication the committee reports, and its report is acted upon ; that the Grand Lodge does not act blindly may be known from the fact that recently a decision was acquiesced in by the committee, but the Grand Lodge questioned its correctness and sent it back to the committee for further consideration, and to be reported upon at the next annual communication."

Among the Standing Regulations of Maine we commend the two following to the attention of our Lodges :

"15. One lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another lodge,

unless the requesting lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees. [1878, p. 567].

“27. *Resolved*, That while the Grand Lodge does not desire to interfere with the right of the fraternity as individuals to attend or promote balls or dancing—the lodges are forbidden to connect masonic balls, so called, with a lodge, or use the name of a lodge in reference to them, or to advertise them, or sell tickets for admission thereto. [1885, p. 225].”

M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Master, Sabatis.

R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, Portland.

M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, LL. D., Chairman, Com. Foreign Correspondence.

MANITOBA—1887.

The 12th Annual Communication was held in Winnipeg 10th and 11th February, A. D. 1887.

M. W. Bro. Alfred Pearson, G. M., on the Throne. R. W. Bro. D. B. Murray represented Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master's address gives the right ring :

“I hope, brethren, you will not take it amiss if I speak very plainly to you about something which is on my mind, and draw your attention to a glaring discrepancy which too often occurs between the precepts of Masonry and the practices of many of those who belong to our institution. You all know well enough with how few of us it is the case, that to be a Mason is a passport at once as to our integrity and honor.

“Now, is this as it should be? A man's being a Mason ought to be a guarantee of his honesty and fidelity, not only with his brethren but all mankind. He's a Mason, should be synonymous with he's true as steel, actuated by all that is honorable, whose word is his bond.

“You and I know that such is, I am thankful to say, often the case, yet it is not always so. What is needed to enable us to attain this great end? Is it greater rigor in the examination into applicants' antecedents, or more of what I may term kindly mutual surveillance, or a more severe and strict pursuit of any whom we may find violating any of those sacred principles which we have at our Masonic altar sworn to obey and maintain. It does seem to me as if we ought to be to a certain extent our brother's keeper. A resolute upholding of the high moral standard of the noble tenets of our institution is, I think, what each one of us individually and collectively should set up before himself as his ‘Ultima Thule,’

“Think carefully of this, and may the Most High grant, that from our deliberations there may spring a clearer conception of our duties as units in this great fraternity, and a firm determination to perform those duties even more faithfully in the future than in the past.

“What is a Mason? Not the clod
Whose thoughts ne’er rise above the sod,
Whose best ambition is—to know
The joys that from the senses grow.
What is a Mason? Not the slave
To passions, that will dig his grave,
Nor yet the miser, hard and cold,
Who shuts his heart to all but gold.
What is a Mason? Not the hound
Who boldly treads on holy ground,
At woman’s honor dares to sneer,
At truth divine to mock and jeer.
A Mason, worthy of the name,
Can never stoop to guilt or shame.
His honor is his dearest care,
Fidelity, his jewel rare.”

A committee was appointed on “Foreign Correspondence,” from which we hope to hear.

Thé Grand Librarian, Bro. Scott, gives a lot of books, from which we are sorry to observe that the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia are absent. Might we suggest to Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary be requested to forward as complete a set as possible—for the formation of a library is an undertaking to be commended and assisted.

Lodges, 38; M. Masons, 1568.

M. W. Grand Master, Thos. Clark, Winnipeg.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND—1886-1887.

It is a formidable undertaking to review the two volumes that come from Maryland. One volume of 200 pages for the past half year, and the second (cloth boards) more than double the bulk of the first! Illustrated too! and beautifully got up! The 1st volume has a frontispiece engraving of the veteran Grand Secretary, Jacob

H. Medairy, 25 years in office. (We remember his predecessor, good old brother Robinson, who was nearly as many years Grand Secretary).

The frontispiece of the large and *Centennial* volume is an excellent picture of Grand Master Shryock in all his youthful vigour: but besides these are engravings of six surviving Past Grand Masters of Maryland: Ohr, Webb, Berry, Latrobe, Carter and Tyson, all evidently good likenesses. The handsome twin cards of Centennial Invitations are re-produced, and the handsome Centennial Medal is portrayed, and a good wood engraving of the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, is given. Altogether the book is unequalled as a report of Proceedings of any Grand Lodge.

On Tuesday, November 16th, 1886, the 100th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in *due* form, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, George L. McCahan, presiding, of which the Grand Master was informed, who upon his entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the grand honours were given and the Most Worshipful G. M. assumed the gavel, and having declared the Grand Lodge opened in *ample* form, proceeded to deliver his address, which began thus:

“Almost coincident with the birth of the Republic was first instituted the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The war which secured American Independence had hardly ceased, when upon the soil of this State—the first dedicated to civil and religious liberty—an assembly was appropriately held, which inaugurated the beneficent existence and work of this Grand Lodge in 1787, just four years after the recognition of the nation’s independence.

“Thus ninety-nine and one-half years ago, this body was organized. Since then it has gathered in Semi-Annual Communication two hundred consecutive times. It has seen Free-masonry grow from a small and feeble beginning to a mighty organization, binding thousands of men together in a revered brotherhood.

“One hundred years! Think of it, Brethren! How many changes has that period witnessed? How many historic events it has recorded? How many convulsions it has survived? It saw the infancy of the Republic, when we were but thirteen sparsely settled States; it saw that beneficent instrument, the Constitution of the United States, adopted and applied; it saw the right to navigate the high seas vindicated by a young Power then hardly twenty-one years old. It has witnessed the application of steam to all the varied purposes of civilized life; the revelations of electricity, and all the wonders of that mysterious phenomenon; it has seen the little Republic, by whose cradle it sat, grow into a continental

empire of thirty-eight States, ribbed with iron rails, upon which oscillates the commerce of a hemisphere. Wonderful changes it has observed in that eventful and historic period.

"In the bosom of a century, such as the last, are stored the most wonderful achievements and events of the earth's existence. Wars and calamities, progress and development have filed before it ; death, disaster and disease have marched in ghastly procession, and constant changes have marked the period as a stupendous step upward and forward for humanity.

"But whilst all around changes have been perpetually going on in form and substance, tenets and mission, Masonry has not changed. It has grown from a small to a larger body, but that is all. Improvement has been everywhere in that century of time save here ; *for the truth is perfection at all times and amid all changes.* Builded upon the immutable foundation of Truth, Love and Justice, it has seen the old pass away and the new adjust itself to the varying caprices of an energetic age, while it alone has fitted all times, all seasons and all events. *Its principles being perfect,* could not change ; its truths being immortal, could not grow old ; its blessings being perennial, could not stale. And so, after the lapse of one hundred years, we meet to-night to commemorate a centennial ; to bow uncovered before the memories of our dead ; to reverently close the century behind us ; to begin with fresh fervor the grander century before us, and with careful hands and dutiful hearts to continue the work committed to us through all the centuries that have tested and hallowed our beloved Order."

On Decisions he says :

"I am pleased to be able to report to you, and proud of the fact, (for it shows conclusively that the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction have hearkened to the advice of the Grand Master in his last address, and studied the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge) that I have not been called upon to make a decision during the six months. This not only shows that the presiding officers are intelligent and reading Masons, but proves conclusively that harmony prevails throughout the whole jurisdiction."

He attended a Masonic Fair at Bel Air, unveiled at Cumberland a Masonic Monument to an eminent man and Mason, Bro. Alexr. Tennent ; also a statue to Baron DeKalb, a General of the Revolution. Every one of the Generals of the Revolution (the orator of the day said) was a Free-mason, except Benedict Arnold, the traitor.

The Grand Master attended a Convention at Frostburg of all the Masons in Allegany County. He laid the corner stones of a new Temple for Mt. Ararat Lodge, Bel Air ; Baker Mission Chapel, Baltimore, and St. Paul's Church, south, also in that city.

Nearly 2000 dollars were sent to relieve the sufferers of the earth-

quake at Charleston, S. C. Bro. J. Morrison Harris delivered an able oration in which occur these passages :

“Masonry, like all institutions of pith and moment, has passed through sharp experience of favor and abuse. At one time favored by the church, and numbering its highest dignitaries among its members, while powerful kings were prompt to do it honor, and great cathedrals and grand old minsters attested its skilled handiwork.

“Anon were launched against it royal edicts and the church’s ban, and in many lands both were united in the effort to suppress it. To what extent in those turbulent ages it was, or was sought to be, wrested from its legitimate ends we do not fully know, nor does it much concern us, for such attempts are of a distant past, and allied to conditions that long since have ceased to exist ; and firmly planted to-day, its Lodges found in every region, are working in Africa, Asia, Rome, Jerusalem, here and throughout the continent of Europe and in the Islands of the sea, and loud or feeble the tap of the Master’s gavel goes round the world.

“From these long lists of honorable men, and they were ‘all honorable men,’ out of so many worthy, I dare to indicate two names—two Past Grand Masters, one living and one dead—to each of whom our Order owes especial gratitude for long and able service.

“One through eighteen years consecutively held the Master’s gavel—years of trouble and perplexity—through which, with warm devotion and unflagging zeal, he strove to build our order up in strength and honor ; and though long since he entered the last veil of all, and crossed the threshold of the Lodge ‘not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens ;’ mindful of his stainless life and honorable service, the craftsmen will ever keep in grateful memory the name of Past Grand Master General Benjamin C. Howard.

“Of the living, I may not speak too freely ; but of one, who for eight successive years guided the fortunes of this Grand Lodge with such marked skill and earnestness of labor, and whose mastership gave it in this community increase of honor, and whose work has passed into our history, we have some right to speak, if but to keep in lively recollection the high esteem in which we hold him, and to show with what affectionate regard we greet the name of Past Grand Master John H. B. Latrobe.”

The Centennial Celebration (May 10, 11, 12) was simply “immense.” The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the rapidity with which it is reducing what was a tremendous load of debt.

The Celebration proper began with prayer by Grand Chaplain Stitt. Grand Master Shryock again spoke with great ability. The Mayor of Baltimore offered a hearty welcome. A Centennial hymn and poem were given by Past Master Brewer, and Past G. Master

Carter gave an eloquent oration. Charming music separating the divers efforts of the distinguished brethren.

The mayor said, "Here I shall venture to say a word concerning the beneficent character of Freemasonry as it appears to one who sees it from the outside, and judges the tree, of which your lodges form many branches, by such of its fruits as are visible from the highway. I do this with a full consciousness of my insufficiency to talk to you of things of which you know so much, and I, the uninitiated, so little. And yet for all that, I am frank enough to tell you that the secret of Masonry is not so well kept as you are prone to believe. Those who flatter themselves that the world has no eyes to see, nor heads to divine, are deluded. In vain you may multiply your precautions and make more stringent your obligations; the great secret of Masonry cannot be hid. It is known by intuition to hundreds and to thousands who never receive grip nor pass-word, who never passed the guarded portal of your mystic Lodge. It is known to widows and to orphans, to the friendless and afflicted of all lands. It is inscribed in letters of light over the doorways of many an edifice devoted to the relief of suffering and the shelter of helplessness. It is whispered in the still small voice of many silent deeds of beneficence and mercy. And on that great day when all secrets are revealed, then shall the great secret of Masonry be proclaimed before no less an audience than all the inhabitants of earth and all the assembled angels of heaven. And what of that great secret? 'I was naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me.'" The Banquet was got up in elegant style and we wish we had space for the speeches.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give an excellent Report, in which Nova Scotia receives her full share of attention. A long quotation is made from G. Master Laurie's letter explaining his absence with the Red Cross Society in Europe, from our Grand Communication in 1886. Our views on Grand Lecturers *Lecturing* are considered of force. Bro. Schultz is a master in the art of Reviewing. Among the letters of apology for non-attendance at the Centennial will be found those of M. W. Grand Master Johnstone and of the Chairman of this Committee.

Lodges 78 ; M. Masons 4937.

M. W. Grand Master, Thos. J. Shryock, Baltimore.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS—1886.

The Annual Communication was held Dec. 8. A Stated Communication on Dec. 29, being the 153rd Anniversary.

The Grand Master, M. M. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., was in the Grand East. (His portrait is the frontispiece to the volume before us.)

We are sorry to see 11 pages of the Grand Master's address occupied by "Necrology," and no long notices either.

At the Grand Feast 206 brethren sat down. There is nothing particular to note at present—"all is well," with 28,000 masons in Massachusetts! What more need be said?

Lodges, 229 ; Master Masons, 28,163.

M. W. Grand Master, Henry Endicott, Boston.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston.

MINNESOTA—1887.

The 34th Annual Communication was held in St Paul, Jan. 7th, 1887, M. W. Grand Master R. H. Gove presiding.

The proceedings are nicely got up and have as a frontispiece an artistic phototype of R. W. Bro. James C. Braden, Grand Master 1876-1877, and another of Edward W. Durant, Grand Master 1877-1878. The address of Grand Master Gore is a lengthy document, and able withal. The following is interesting :

"In November last, I addressed the following question to the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence : 'Does your Grand Lodge maintain the perpetual jurisdiction theory or doctrine, that is, when a lodge has once acquired jurisdiction over a profane and has acted thereon, does it always retain jurisdiction until voluntarily surrendered by the lodge?' And have received answers from a number of them.

"The following states maintain tenaciously: Kentucky, Connecticut, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Indian Territory, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi. The others, so far as heard from, hold as follows: Maryland so long as the candidate lives in the state. Idaho has wholly abandoned the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. Maine holds to it for five years. Dakota so long as the candidate lives in its Territory, if rejected there, but if elsewhere it judges for itself. Indiana adheres to the doctrine 'with very slight modifications.' Virginia, Montana, Canada, Colorado, Arizona, and Quebec do not adhere to the perpetual jurisdiction doctrine, but no reasons have been stated for the departure from the landmark of the order. Prince Edward Island holds only for twelve months. Why, is not stated.

"How the other Grand Lodges hold I am not advised. It is time our Grand Lodge declared itself on this question and upon principle. No illiberal spirit should incite us to action. It is the height of liberality to respect and zealously maintain the action of other lodges, and thereby promote peace and harmony among the craft everywhere."

Our Venerable Brother Jost represents Minnesota near this Grand Lodge. Who represents Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota?

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able and experienced hand of R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary, who appends Bro. J. H. Drummond's very interesting Statistical Table, from which it appears there are 596,464 Master Masons on this continent belonging to 10,709 Lodges!!

Nova Scotia receives kind and fraternal attention. We do not quite think that Bro. Pierson in his criticism on "official decisions" *in re* New Jersey, understood that the "submitting to the consideration of the constituent lodges" amounted to their deciding judicial questions, any further than that those who attend Grand Lodge from each Subordinate Lodge should have information and the opinion of their own Lodge to guide them in their voting in G. L. We quite agree that "*Subordinate Lodges are not always the best parties to decide official questions.*"

M. W. John H. Brown, Grand Master.

R. W. A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 155; Master Masons, 9143.

MICHIGAN—1887.

480 pages of good letter-press contain the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Report on Foreign Correspondence. A good engraving of M. Shoemaker, M. W. Grand Master, adorns the book.

A special communication was held in Alma, Deputy Grand Master R. C. Hatheway presiding, to lay the Corner Stone of "the Central Michigan Normal School and Business College."

Grand Master Shoemaker presided at another special communication at Grand Rapids, "for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Doric Lodge." The address on each occasion was masterly—from that of P. G. M. Hatheway, we beg to endorse the following :

"The philosophy of Freemasonry, its morals and its dogmas, are so little understood, and, indeed, so little regarded, that there are scores who outwardly assume the garb of the Mason, and the trappings of the Templar, without any higher aim than pastime.

"Beyond question, it is a truism that none are qualified to teach, but those who submit to learn.

"Recognizing this truth, let our institutions of learning be made as beautiful and comfortable as consistent with the interests of the citizen and the public revenue. Our school houses and churches are the mirrors which reflect the generosity of a noble people.

"They are the barriers that check the spirit of ignorance and crime which otherwise might force itself into the fairest of homes, and with a demoniac hand or venomous breath, scatter the household gods of the people. They are better and cheaper than almshouses and prisons.

"We are taught that our order was old when the Christian era began—an Order which assisted in the building of those gigantic edifices which adorned the early pages of the world's history ; an Order whose emblems are found among the ruins of the buried cities of the Old World ; an Order that has seen the most gorgeous edifices totter and fall ; which has outlived all else of man's creation.

"With such a history, we should not have any misgivings at the ceremony of laying foundation stones of central points, where light and knowledge are to be diffused."

We wish we could give all of G. M. Shoemaker's truly admirable oration, but cannot help culling this :

"First in order, we have the asservation that, in the name of the Great Jehovah, the Lodge is solemnly dedicated to the uses and purposes of Freemasonry.

"ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEITY.

"Here we have, as the first step towards the use of a hall for Masonic purposes, that acknowledgment of our dependence upon Divine favor, and that reliance upon and belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe which pervades and animates with religious grace the entire Masonic ritual, and which is taught to, and in the most solemn manner impressed upon, every Mason, from his being received as an Entered Apprentice, to his being raised to the highest degree, or the most exalted station in the Order.

"The first step taken by a candidate on entering a Lodge of Freemasons, teaches him that the foundation on which Masonry rests, is the belief in and acknowledgment of a Supreme Being, and without this he cannot be admitted to the inner temple of Masonry, where all the instruction rests upon that Divine basis.

"In the same line of thought, in connection with this declaration, the initiate is presented with a Lamb Skin, or White Apron, 'to remind him of that purity of life and conduct so essentially necessary to gaining admission to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides;' and again, in more direct and pointed language, he is taught that Masonry is so universal that 'its covering is no less than the canopy of Heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive,' by the aid of those truly Masonic virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity, and he is admonished to have *Faith in God*, Hope in Immortality, and Charity for all Mankind.

"In these lessons there is a most distinct and positive acknowledgment of *God*, of *Deity*, of the *Great Creator*, of the *Supreme Architect of the Universe*, and, by whatever name designated, of the *Great Jehovah*, in whose name all Masonic Lodges are dedicated.

"The acknowledgment of the reliance of Masonry upon the Deity, is placed first in order, as it is first in importance, in the ceremony of dedication.

"In all the subsequent teachings of the Order, Masons are constantly reminded of their duty to God, and that the Holy Scriptures should be the rule and guide of their faith.

"The knowledge of this in Masonry is open and free to all the people of the world, and no man can justly claim that Freemasonry does not inculcate the soundest of religious principles. It teaches no sectarian doctrine, but the fundamental truths underlying all religion; the belief in Deity; in the Divine Attributes, and of their application to the relation which exists between the Great Creator and all intelligent beings; and also of the duties which, through that relation and belief, devolve upon all who seek to be received and acknowledged within these, to us, now sacred walls."

The Grand Master also presided at the 43rd Annual Communication at Detroit, Jan. 25, 1887.

R. W. Geo. H. Durand, P. G. M., our Representative, was present.

The Grand Master's address is a full account of all the business of the Jurisdiction, and occupies 28 pages. Everything appears to go well with the Craft in Michigan. There have been 40 decisions given. Amongst them :

“Question. B. C. is elected, notified to be present, and receive the first degree. At that meeting a protest was entered. The candidate looks upon it as a rejection, and wishes his money (seven dollars) returned. What should be done ?

“Answer. The money should be returned to the petitioner.

“Question. Is it in violation of Masonic law and usage to open and close a Lodge on any other than a third degree ?

“Answer. A Lodge should be opened upon the highest degree upon which it expects to work, and close upon the same degree.

“Question. Would there be any illegality in the conferring of a degree, if for any good and sufficient cause a portion or all of the ‘lecture’ was omitted, or postponed until some other time ?

“Answer. The ‘lecture’ is part of the degree, and should always be given as such. If, for good reason, there is no time to confer the whole of the degree the work should be postponed until it can be done.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from Wm. P. Innes, R. W. Grand Secretary, and is one of the very best we have read. Under the head of Wisconsin, we find :

NOVA SCOTIA.

The committee say of Nova Scotia :

“Brother Moore makes a good report. Nova Scotia comes up to the standard of the Grand Lodges in the States. The ‘board of general purposes’ has no existence in that Province. How much more democratic, and, as it seems to us, Masonic, to have the business of the Grand Lodge done in a Grand Lodge, where every representative has an opportunity to be heard on the floor, if he desires. How would we feel, if all our business in Grand Lodge would be merely to acquiesce in the opinions of a ‘board of general purposes,’ without a chance to talk? What would become of Brothers Dr. Martin, Littlejohn, Blair, Matheson, Watts, Dr. Miner, and others, if they were obliged to acquiesce in the say-so of a ‘board,’ without having their say upon the law, regulation or land mark. Yes, we admire the independence of Nova Scotia in having an independent Grand Lodge, in all that the word implies.”

Our R. W. Grand Secretary spells his name C-U-R-R-E-N, out of which *we* cannot make Carson, whatever they do in Michigan. But Michigan does also what we do not seem to be able to do in other ways—they are able to review England, Scotland and Ireland—very little from the last, viz :

"As usual we find nothing from the Green Isle but the list of officers and the financial statements of the year.

OFFICERS :—HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M. W. Grand Master.

THE EARL OF BANDON, H. M. L., R. W. Grand Secretary.

South Australia, Germany, Saxony, Frankfort, Hungary, Netherlands, Belgium and Peru.

Grand Master, M. W. Rufus C. Hatheway, Grand Rapids.

Grand Secretary, R. W. W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.

Lodges, 354 ; M. Masons, 28,470.

MISSOURI—1886.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this great State convened at St. Louis on the 12th October, 1886, M. W. Bro. Jas. W. Boyd, Grand Master, presiding. Representatives were present from 179 Lodges, besides permanent members. The annual address is characterized by that fervid spirit which marks so many addresses in the American jurisdictions. He says in the beginning :

"Within this Grand Jurisdiction, since this Grand Lodge was organized, Masonry has exerted an influence for good which cannot be measured by the flight of years, nor estimated by the lapse of time ; an influence which, I doubt not, will yet increase as the years go by, and which will roll on and on, in its ever-widening channel, even down to the last syllable of recorded time ; an influence at once elevating, purifying, ennobling in its character, and which has permeated with its charitable benedictions every nook and corner of our Empire State."

We learn from this address that the law in Missouri declares that "saloon keeping is a masonic offence," and a lodge was suspended by the Grand Master because it failed to discipline members who had been proved simply to be "saloon-keepers." The enforcement of discipline for unmasonic conduct seems to be made a cardinal principle of the order in Missouri, and the retiring Grand Master seems to have been active in inculcating the exercise of this discipline. He say :

"Brethren, as I am in the act of retiring from this office, I desire to send through you, here assembled, a special *last* message to the absent Brethren of every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is this : *If you love Freemasonry punish those who violate her laws and trample her sacred precepts beneath their feet.*"

Another extract from the admirable address of the Grand Master will serve to shew the full scope of this interesting document :

"The world is moving at an accelerated speed. Twenty miles an hour must give way to thirty, thirty to forty, forty to sixty, sixty to seventy. Old methods of business are considered ruinous. Men work by the lightning express and electric flash. They talk by the telephone, sleep by the clock, eat by the watch, and hurry back to business. They now have no time to consider questions outside of business matters, if they demand thought or study. We have no time to be profound ; to think out the problems of life. We have no time to reflect ; no time to read works requiring thought or study for comprehension. We have no time to digest solid literary food. In our mad rush and haste in life we feed on literary soups, syrup and cakes. We eat no literary or philosophical meat. Work of statesmanship, moral philosophy and metaphysics lie dust-covered upon the library shelves, while a light, trashy, useless literature is the literature which brings the money in the market. Hence everybody is slightly educated, few are thoroughly educated. We have many politicians, few statesmen. We have no time for anything profound. Glossy generalities of sophistical theories, having no foundation in fact or philosophy, are accepted without investigation by society in its present hurried and feverish condition. Haste, activity, energy, discovery, invention, innovation and change, rule the hour."

One decision is given of some interest. The facts are stated as follows :

"A Master Mason claiming to hail from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, applied to one of our lodges to be admitted as a visitor, and the Lodge refused to examine him for the reason that he had no diploma or Grand Lodge certificate of his membership or good standing. He afterwards applied to another one of our Lodges, and was examined and admitted without such certificate. The first Lodge complained to the Grand Master of the action of the second in examining and admitting the visitor without documentary evidence of his good standing and that of his lodge. This is the case, and the Grand Master decided that the 'Lodge violated no law of this Grand Lodge in permitting the said Brother to visit it without a certificate of membership.' He further says : 'If there is any law of this Grand Lodge which prohibits a Subordinate Lodge from permitting a Master Mason, coming from England, to visit without a certificate of membership, I have been unable to find it.' Your Committee, after diligent search, has also been unable to find any such explicit law."

The Grand Secretary's report is as usual a most comprehensive and valuable document. R. W. Bro. Vincil is a shining light in the craft, and has hosts of friends all over North America. His efficiency as the principal executive officer of one of the largest and best conducted Grand Lodges is paralleled by his masonic instincts, and his devotion to masonic duties, official and private.

The Foreign Correspondence is a very interesting mass of reading, and is a sort of warm fraternal *tête-a-tête* between the author and masonic North America. Nova Scotia gets as usual a kindly notice.

George R. Hunt, Warrensburg, G. Master.

Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D., St Louis, G. Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI—1887.

The 69th Annual Communication was held in the City of Jackson 9th February, 1887. M. W. B. T. Kimbrough, Grand Master, in the Grand East.

Our Representative, Bro. Howry, missing! The Grand Master's address is "good" and "long." Three new lodges have had charters—one charter has been resigned. The Grand Master says :

"As a rule, I have referred all questions of law, that did not call for my official action, to the Law Committee. But I have decided as follows :

"1st. That three may close a Lodge in 3d Degree, when all the members but three have left the hall before closing.

"2d. That a Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, duly installed, cannot resign during his term.

"3d. That a non-affiliate, who has applied for membership, and been black-balled, could not afterwards visit the Lodge that had rejected him when any member thereof objected, and that a willingness to contribute to the funds of the Lodge did not alter the case.

"4th. That a candidate with the index finger of the right hand dislocated, backwards at the 'metacarpo-phalangeal articulation,' and shortened about $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch, still capable of some motion, and with some stiffness of the second finger, is eligible to the Degrees of Masonry.

"5th. That a member of Lodge A., who preferred charges against a member of Lodge B., which being reported frivolous by its Committee on C. and O., were dismissed by Lodge B., has the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

"6th. That when Lodge A., through its Committees on C. and O., prefers charges against a member of Lodge B., and forwards to Lodge B. the evidence taken by it, (Lodge A.,) the witnesses whose depositions have been taken, cannot be forced to attend in person, the trial in Lodge B., fifty miles away, to give evidence. But Lodge B. may take their depositions or have it done if it sees just cause to do so.

"7th. That a brother raised in a Lodge working Under Dispensation, is entitled to vote and eligible to office in the organization of the Lodge when chartered, just as any other members. This case was the one that came up from Hattiesburg."

With regard to a "General Masonic Congress" Bro. Kimbrough thus delivers himself—and there is much in what he says—still is there not a danger of *divergence* unless such a Congress be held?

"In November last, Most Worshipful R. H. Gove, Grand Master of Iowa, asked me if I favored a General Congress for consultation and advice on subjects of general interest to the whole Craft, wherever dispersed. I replied that I should be opposed to it, if it proposed to interfere with States Rights, and added, if it did not propose such interference at first, I suspected it would do so after a while. Late in December Bro. Gove again wrote, expressing the opinion I was oversensitive on the subject of States Rights, and reminded me that his question implied that the Congress was to have only advisory power. He concluded by saying that most of the Grand Masters heard from were in favor of it, and he felt warranted in saying that one would be called of all present and Past Grand Masters of the 'fifty-five jurisdictions with which we are in correspondence' to assemble in Chicago in June next, in which he hoped Mississippi would be represented. Bro. Gove impressed me as a zealous Mason and as one desiring only good for the Craft. In spite, however, of his assurance, I have little doubt that it will only be a question of time, should a General Congress be formed, when it will assume to control all the States. I have deemed the matter of sufficient importance to be brought to your attention, for such action as you may think proper."

Bro. A. H. Barkley, who signs himself "Correspondence Reporter," reports well. In speaking of Nova Scotia Bro. Barkley says:

"The administration of the work for the greater part of the year was under the Deputy Grand Master, and his address shows him to have been faithful to his trust.

'HE THAT HUMBLETH HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED.'

"Some of the brightest jewels of the Craft are those who are found in the humblest offices, and from this rank and file come the most efficient Ritualists. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia had no truer, brighter Mason than R. W. Brother J. Martin, Grand Tyler, who was called to his reward December 17, 1885. This is said of him:

'Brother Martin was a very high authority in the various departments of Masonic ritual, and most capable to assist in conferring degrees. His long and faithful service to the Craft will never be forgotten by the brethren who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.'

"The Grand Lodge was convened to attend his funeral, and a band of music was furnished for the occasion by the city Lodges."

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Again we have an able report from our good Brother David C. Moore. Three pages and a half are given to our Proceedings."

Under the head of Scotland we have :

“The Grand Lodge was opened in the First Degree. The presiding Grand Master announced that all the elective offices were vacant, and said that Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., had been nominated for re-election, and on inquiry if it was the will and pleasure that he should serve them as Grand Master for the next twelve months, an affirmative response was made by acclamation. The Grand Master elect was then introduced and informed of his election for the third time, and after taking the oath *de fide*li, returned thanks for the honor conferred.

“One interesting feature of this communication was the Celebration of Third Jubilee of Grand Lodge. Among the toasts proposed we note the following : ‘The surviving participants of the Second Jubilee of Grand Lodge (1836), which was responded to by an Octogenarian—one who had been a Mason upwards of sixty years. This venerable brother is Hugh J. Rolls, W. S., who said :

“I wish there had been some other individual spared this night to return thanks for the toast which has just been prepared. I thank Brother McLagan from the bottom of my heart, and I thank you all for the hearty response you have given to his proposing of the toast. (Applause.)

“It was a memorable night, that. There is another memorable event which I rather think a good many of the brethren present are not aware of: That when the foundation stone of the Freemasons’ Hall was laid the Grand Lodge assembled in the Picture Gallery of Holyrood. (Applause.)

“May we not hope to see a meeting there again? I may conclude what I have to say by expressing a hope and wish that many more than one will be spared to see the Jubilee in 1936, and that they may tell of the connecting link, who I am afraid they will be obliged to say is a missing one.

“There were present on this occasion thirteen hundred Masons ; the largest indoor assemblage of Freemasons ever held in Scotland.

“The Grand Master and many other brethren wore the Jubilee Medal struck by command of Grand Lodge—one alone wore the Centenary Medal, struck in 1836.

“The Ode written on the occasion of this Third Jubilee, by George Dobie Bard, is so appropriate that we close our review with three of its stanzas :

“Grand Lodge of old Scotland all honor to thee !
A mother whose daughters are spread o’er the earth,
We hail with rejoicing thy Third Jubilee,
And welcome our brethren to share in our mirth.

“Our Campbell, who now sways the sceptre of power,
No king on his throne doth more loyalty share ;
To the structure of Masonry strong as a tower,
We have proved him age true by the compass and square

“Great God, Supreme Architect, Author of all!
Give us wisdom unmeasured, cement us in love ;
We fear not ; tho’ earth with its temples may fall,
Shouldst Thou lead us on to Thy temple above,”

E. Geo. DeLap, Natchez, Grand Master.

J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 251 ; Master Masons, 7,406.

MONTANA--1886.

The Report of the 22nd Annual Communication is adorned with a steel engraving of Grand Master Joseph A. Hyde, who was in the Grand East, on Oct. 6 and 7, 1886.

His address is business-like, but contains only one decision :

“ In common with all my predecessors I have received a great many letters asking questions on points of Masonic law. To these letters as well as to all communications I have given prompt reply. No question, however, has been presented that required a decision, except in the case of a brother that petitioned for affiliation. Action was not taken on the petition for two months ; but when taken was favorable. In the meantime the brother left the Territory and was absent three or four months, so that he could not sign the by-laws within the time specified, on his return he offered to sign the By-laws. Objections having been made to the Secretary, he made some excuse and put the brother off so he could have time to inform the Master, who lived a few miles from the lodge. The brother also lives eight or ten miles from the lodge and has not been able to attend a session of the lodge since his election. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, and believing that every Mason has individual rights that should be respected, and also considering the legality of the objections questionable, I decided that the Secretary was in error in not allowing the brother to sign the by-laws. In making this decision, which would appear to be in conflict with section 7, of article III of the by-laws of subordinate lodges, I justified myself in considering his absence from the Territory as a satisfactory reason for not complying with the by-law.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary, who gives a good notice of Nova Scotia, but does not quite approve of our idea of giving “ facts ” rather than “ opinions.” He says our “ *salve* is not good for all sores.” We do not know any that is, but in this matter we think the exceptions rare. We like the bristling style of Brother Hedges ; he is not one of the *hedges* without thorns, but we believe *Cornelius* to be a just man.

M. W. Grand Master, Samuel Word, Butte.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, Helena.

Lodges, 33 ; M. Masons, 1298.

NEBRASKA—1886.

Grand Lodge convened in its Twenty-Ninth Annual Session in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 16, 1886. Only four Grand Lodge Officers were absent. Representatives were present from one hundred and nineteen out of one hundred and thirty-six chartered lodges. The M. W. G. Master stated in his address that charters were granted for the formation of sixteen new Lodges. Although unable to visit personally as many Lodges as he could have desired, yet through correspondence, and from other sources he has ascertained that the condition of the lodges is generally prosperous. Twelve dispensations for holding new lodges were issued during the year. Three special dispensations issued to confer degrees out of time.

Amongst the decisions rendered we quote the following, which is most creditable in its sentiments, (from our point of view at least,) although the committee to whom the address was referred recommended that all the words after "at least his color should not have excluded him :"

"No. 7. A colored man, claiming to belong to a lodge in the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, sought to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction, claiming he was 'free-born,' and a lawful Mason. The Master refused to admit him. *Query*: Was this correct? *Answer*: If he belonged to a Lodge chartered by a Grand Lodge which is recognized by this Grand Lodge, he was entitled to visit the lodge—at least his color should not have excluded him. As to his being 'free-born,' I think 'God made all nature free.' If the barbarous laws of the American Dark Ages were so framed as to consign an infant to bondage during its life, that fact is no indication it was not free-born."

A rather curious state of affairs in this jurisdiction is that the funds to credit of Grand Lodge have "accumulated unnecessarily," and "the amount of money on hand is far in excess of our needs," balance on hand \$18,728.00; all expenses deducted would leave \$13,829.74 on hand. The M. W. G. Master recommends that it be depleted by a return to Subordinate Lodges of \$8000 upon a basis of a certain amount for each member of the fraternity. This would transfer a good sum to the treasuries of the Subordinate Lodges where it is needed.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are able and exhaustive documents.

Chartered Lodges, 136 ; number of Master Masons on roll, 6,698.

This Grand Lodge has no report on Foreign Correspondence, which, considering the amount of funds in Grand Lodge seems rather an oversight. Surely a portion might profitably be expended in this direction.

M. W. G. Master, Charles K. Coutant, Omaha.

R. W. G. Secretary, Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha.

NEVADA—1886.

Twenty-second Annual Communication commenced at Masonic Hall, in the city of Reno, on the second Tuesday of June, A. D. 1886. Only five Grand Officers were absent. Fifteen Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master represents the condition of the Craft in his Jurisdiction as being *good*. Harmony with other Grand Lodges is reported, with the exception of "Utah." Considerable space in the G. Master's address is occupied with a history of this misunderstanding. It appears to be a question of supposed invasion of jurisdiction on the part of Utah. The Grand Master of Utah promises, under certain conditions, to submit the matter to his Grand Lodge. We trust that the matter may ultimately be settled, and that the "jewel of consistency," of which the G. M. of Nevada speaks, may not be permanently buried under rubbish of controversy !!

A question, as to members of other societies (not being Masons) being allowed to act as pall bearers at a Masonic funeral, having arisen, the Grand Master ruled that "At a Masonic funeral the Lodge must have exclusive control, or it ought not and he could not permit it to attend the funeral as a Lodge." We quote his sensible remarks :

"None but Master Masons are entitled to Masonic burial, because the burial of the dead, as performed by a Lodge of Masons, is intelligible only to those who have passed through the ceremonies of the third degree. The doctrine of the Master Mason's degree is that the soul is immortal and that the body shall rise again ; and the burial of a Brother in mother earth is but the conclusion of the ceremony begun in the Lodge. Both ceremonies are Masonic labor, performed with solemnity when the Craft is assembled as Masons. A Masonic Lodge is

always in one of three conditions : at labor, at refreshment, or closed and the members dispersed. When the Lodge is closed, the Master and Wardens have no authority over the Craft. All are simply citizens, not Masons, and anything done in this condition would not be Masonic work ; consequently, the burial of a Brother could not be done by a closed Lodge. At refreshment, the Craft enjoys itself in innocent mirth, and no Lodge would attempt to conduct a funeral in such condition. Therefore, the funeral services must be done as Masonic labor, when the Lodge is open, the officers in their places and officially designated, the Brethren clothed as Master Masons, and the Lodge strictly guarded. When the Lodge appears on the street it is open ; none can enter or leave the procession without the permission of the Master or Marshal, and they must know that every one present and wearing an apron is a Master Mason. In performing the burial services over a deceased Brother, the Lodge is at labor, and no one not a Mason can be admitted to participate in the ceremony while the Lodge is doing its work. This is not a question of courtesy due to other societies, but a duty to our own in obeying its law. The Masonic society should never appear in public clothed as Masons, except to perform Masonic work, and when it does, it must have complete control."

The Committee on Finance reported recommending a refusal to adopt a resolution to discontinue reports on foreign correspondence.

These reports are always interesting and instructive, and economy should be practiced elsewhere than in this direction.

For instance—from the clipping from "Illinois" G. L. Report we have the following interesting passages, the first relating to expenditure of Lodge monies :

"The Grand Master makes another ruling—that it is improper for a Lodge to expend money in celebrating St. John's Day, or for any other public entertainment ; and notably upon the ground that the funds of the body 'should' be devoted to charity. This is all well enough as an abstract proposition, but we do not believe that the Grand Body has a right to determine the expenditures of a Lodge in disbursing its money in the supposed welfare of the Fraternity. It might be urged under this rule, that it would be improper for the Lodge to purchase a testimonial for a retiring officer, or for any member that had been of great importance to the body. More than this, the Grand Lodge could determine for a constituent the propriety of refurnishing its apartments, or expending its funds for any other purpose not directly associated with relief. It is the better plan, as we think, not to interfere with Lodge finances, but trust to its good sense. It is rare, indeed, that Lodges overstep the bounds of propriety in such matters."

And the following concerning the question already touched upon, viz : Masonic funerals, together with the remarks of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. :

“We dissent from a decision of the Grand Master, that, ‘in the conduct of funeral ceremonies the Lodge is at labor. It is not called off for the procession, but is at work in open Lodge.’ This is fundamentally, radically, an error, and we are not a little surprised that the Grand Lodge should have acquiesced; because, if a Lodge is at liberty to *work* without its tiled apartments in one instance, it may do so in others. Both the Grand Master and Grand Lodge appear to be laboring under the delusion of some antiquated theory, that it is possible, under some circumstances, for the Lodge to violate an immemorial law by assuming to carry esoteric ceremonial beyond its portals. This will not do. In all mortuary services it is proper for the Lodge to meet, open, and then call off to perform public esoteric ceremonial; but we can not conceive of any propriety in the Lodge appearing in public *while open*, whether at a funeral, dance, public banquet, or a game of progressive euchre. If it is proper for a Lodge to leave its apartments while open for a funeral, what objection could be offered to its leaving its quarters, while at labor, without either calling to refreshment or closing?”

“We may be dull, but the force of the above reasoning is not convincing. The difficulties of the situation are well presented, but the other horn of the dilemma is still worse. If a Lodge is not at labor it must be at refreshment, and, to our mind, it is very incongruous to say that the solemn service for the dead, or the formal and stately ceremony of corner-stone laying is merely Lodge refreshment. Again, Brother GURNEY, a Lodge at refreshment is in charge of the Junior Warden, and who ever knew that officer to lay a corner-stone or to conduct a funeral? Once more, refreshment is inseparably connected with freedom, ease, enjoyment and rest. Oftentimes it includes even mirth and jollity. Now, how many of these conditions are predicable of a funeral procession or a corner-stone ceremony?”

The Report also contains proceedings of a special communication for the purpose of burying the body of M. W. P. G. M. John Curtis Currie.

The M. W. G. Master and the R. W. G. Secretary were re-elected for the ensuing year.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1887.

Twentieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. John, on Tuesday 26th April, 1887.

Representatives from twenty-three Lodges were present.

Grand Master's address was read by the Deputy Grand Master, who was presiding at the Communication. Reference was made to

the Jubilee of Queen Victoria and also to the fact of this being the twentieth year of existence of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Relations with sister Grand Lodges are of the most pleasing kind.

The G. M. recommends caution in recognizing applications of New Grand Lodges for recognition ; he says truly " nothing is lost by taking time over matters of this kind."

He is firm on the point that although an unaffiliated Mason should be decently interred by Masons if there be no one else to attend to it, yet that it should be done privately and without masonic ceremonial.

He regrets that the masonic festivals (St. John's day) are not more frequently publicly celebrated.

Finances of G. Lodge in an easy condition.

A principle of general interest is involved in the only decision of importance delivered by the Grand Master during the year, and so we quote it intact :

" During the year I was called on to make a few decisions ; but one of them involved an important principle, which it may be advisable to state to Grand Lodge. A Lodge has a by-law which provides that a Brother six months in arrears cannot vote. A candidate was proposed and black-balled, and was declared rejected. Afterwards it was alleged that ten of the members who voted were disqualified under the law. I held that the ballot was good and that the candidate was regularly rejected. Without entering upon a consideration of the policy of the by-law referred to, I might say that the enforcement of such a by-law is a matter of local concern. The Master should enforce it ; but if, by general consent, it is not uniformly enforced, it would be wrong to suddenly bring it into active operation on such an occasion as a ballot, when the most important vote which it is possible to give in Lodge was to be given. But the real ground upon which I made up my mind was that the ballot is secret, and nobody ought to know how his brother voted. Nobody had a right to assume that the parties subject to this by-law were those who voted to reject. There appeared no ground for the assumption. When a ballot is passed in the usual way and the candidate is declared rejected by the Master he *is* rejected, and the Lodge, the Master, or the Grand Master has no power to open that ballot ; and no other ballot can be had, no matter what the by-laws of the Lodge may provide, except in the way prescribed by the Constitution of Grand Lodge. This might as well be understood once for all."

In expressing his regret at his inability to be present the Grand Master incidentally states that it is only the second time in twenty years that he has failed to attend Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's Report and the Grand Treasurer's Report are full and clear.

Reports of District Deputies shew much arduous work and apparently well and faithfully performed.

The Committee on recognition of Grand Lodges reported, recommending no action be taken as regards Federal District of New Mexico and Port Rico at present..

There are no reports of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Total number of Chartered Lodges, 34.

No. of M. Masons on Roll, Dec. 27, 1886, 1881.

M. W. Grand Master, James McNicholl.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Edwin J. Wetmore, St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1887.

The Semi-Annual Communication, December 28, 1886, was as usual occupied with exemplification of Masonic Ritual work in the three degrees. Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, worked 1st degree ; Social Friends' Lodge, No. 42, worked 2nd degree ; Lafayette, No. 41, exemplified the raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, was held at Concord, Wednesday, 18th May, 1887.

M. W. G. Master, Wm. R. Burleigh.

R. W. G. Secretary, Geo. P. Cleaves.

Three members have been called from labor and are at rest.

A very large portion, both of the Grand Master's report and also of the space of the book, is occupied with a question of infringement of jurisdiction which, while of great interest to the lodges concerned, contains no decision or precedent which in any way affects the Craft in N. S.

In the Foreign Correspondence we notice a peculiar case reported upon (by the Committee of Jurisprudence and Charity) of New Jersey. We indorse the sentiments of our brethren in New Hampshire in dissenting from the action of the M. W. G. M. of New Jersey.

"In January, 1878, a person was initiated in Falls City Lodge, No. 82, the thumb of whose right hand had been mutilated. Upon the matter being brought

to the attention of the then M. W. Grand Master, he declared the initiation to be null and void, and punished the W. M. who had permitted it by suspending him from his office. The W. M. was afterwards reinstated."

There does not appear to have been anything particularly interesting in the report of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to attract the notice of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master Burleigh, R. W. Grand Secretary Cleaves, were re-elected.

NEW MEXICO—1886.

The Ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held in Masonic Hall of Deming Lodge, City of Deming, November 9th.

Several of the seats of Grand Lodge officers were filled by deputies. Eleven Lodges out of thirteen Chartered Lodges sent representatives.

We learn from the M. W. Grand Master's address of a large increase of members, from 529 in November 1885 to 567 at date of meeting of G. Lodge.

That peace and harmony prevail amongst the Lodges, and that "we are upon friendly terms with our sister Grand Lodges throughout the world."

The only important decision which the G. Master was called upon to make was one to prevent members of different secret associations, Masons, Oddfellows and Knights of Pythias, erecting and occupying jointly a Lodge room. He held that a Lodge room duly consecrated and dedicated for Masonic purposes could be used only for Masonic purposes.

He recommends (after a careful study of the situation) that the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of New Mexico be fully recognized and an exchange of Grand Representatives be made. Also the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Lower California. He also upholds the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the dispute with England as to invasion of jurisdiction.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address reported, strongly recommending the adoption of all the above recommendations of the Grand Master.

The tabular statement from returns of Subordinate Lodges shews :
Number of Chartered Lodges 13.

Total number M. Masons, Oct. 31st, 1885, 553.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is ample, well digested and contains many points of interest, which our space will not permit of our transcribing.

M. W. G. Master, 1886-7, C. N. Blackwell, Santa Fe.

R. W. G. Secretary, A. A. Keen, Las Vegas.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1886.

The report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge from June, 1885, to June, 1886, contains the proceedings of four Quarterly Communications, two adjourned Quarterly Communications, four Special Communications, one adjourned Special Communication and the Annual Communication. This looks like WORK—and we think that the report of a masonic festival comes in perfect order.

As yet we have no representative near this indefatigable Grand Lodge, nor it near us. Perhaps it would be as well to have them appointed.

Forty-seven Chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction.

It is needless to say that the reports on Foreign Correspondence are full and up to the mark—although stopping at “New Jersey.” Nova Scotia, although received, is crowded out this year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dr. Harman J. Tanant, M. L. A., Macquarie St., Sydney, N. S. W.

R. Worshipful G. Secretary, Nicholas Weeks, Masonic Hall, Castlereagh, St., Sydney, N. S. W.

NEW YORK—1886.

The One Hundredth and Fifth Annual Communication was opened June 1st, 1886. All the Grand Lodge Officers were present, also all the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Our friend and representative, the genial Louis J. Belloni, Jr., was also in his seat, together with forty-one other representatives of Grand Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master's address is an exceedingly lengthy document, a very great portion being devoted to an exhaustive narrative of the means adopted to improve the financial condition of the Masonic Hall and Asylum fund. The jurisdiction has been suffering for more than ten years from heavy indebtedness. We are glad to learn that the measures adopted have been largely successful, and that the outlook for the future is more cheering.

The Grand Master sounds a warning note concerning unmasonic publications in the guise of newspapers claiming to be devoted to Masonry, but in reality abhorrent in their sentiments and tendencies to every principle of the fraternity. So far we are happily in ignorance profound and blissful of any such periodicals, and hope we may long so continue. The M. W. G. M. is very strict in the matter of granting dispensations for new lodges, or constituting them, and is very sound on the doctrine of "overloading the jurisdiction." Good.

The reports of the various committees are all lengthy and exhaustive, but refer to local subjects and work.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is exhaustive and worthy of such a body as the Grand Lodge of such a State as New York.

Nova Scotia receives condemnation for having recognized the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria. These are stigmatized as "adventurers" desiring to "force themselves into the fraternity."

Very strong language brethren of the Committee, but as it is *your* language not *ours*, we are not called upon to fight the battles of Grand Lodge of Victoria and New South Wales. This Grand Lodge has acted according to its discretion, and we presume New York has done the same, but we deprecate uncharitable language in records which may be seen by the profane, and think that if New York, or any other Grand Lodge, thinks that we have made a mistake it is better to say so and stop *right there*.

NEW JERSEY—1887.

The volume before us begins with the proceedings at the Centennial Celebration, Jan. 25, 1887. From the very able address of the Grand Master, Congdon, on this occasion, we select for our readers the following :

“We stand this hour reflectively and look far behind, with clear and gladdened vision, along the road that we, and those who came before, have trod. Through the dim vista of a hundred years we see the point upon the path where certain of the busy throng who crowd along ‘in solemn and unceasing train,’ put on the lamb-skin apron, pledged their faith and helpfulness each to the other, grasped hands in brotherly union, and began the march as an organized Grand Lodge of Free Masons in New Jersey.

“We see their numbers augmented and, because the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth are right and just, favored of God and full of blessing for mankind, they grow in moral strength as well as numbers.

“We behold them, one by one, along the wayside fall, cut down by death’s unwearying scythe, and note ‘the stones and lettered monuments’ that ‘mark the resting place of distinguished worth,’ and we also see the ranks recruited from among the multitude by those who are impressed with good example and the evidence of actual though unostentatious beneficence.

“Free Masonry in its universal chain of friendship encircles every portion of the human family its influences radiate wherever civilization extends, and its privileges are accorded to every worthy man who acknowledges God the Almighty as his Creator, God the Creator as his father, and every man as his brother.”

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon delivered a most interesting and instructive historical essay, parts of which we copy for our Nova Scotia readers :

“It is not known, with entire historical accuracy, when, where, or under what circumstances this Society, undoubtedly the most ancient of all secular associations, was first instituted.

“Tradition and written record unite in support of the assertion that it has existed for many centuries ; in fact for a time ‘whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.’

“For a long period its membership was limited to operative masons, actually engaged in the practical work of erecting material edifices. During the seventeenth century the rigid rule which restricted the membership of the Society to that class was relaxed, and prominent men in the higher ranks of society, or those who were distinguished for their attainments in literature, philosophy, and especially in the science of architecture, were admitted and enrolled among the members of the Fraternity. At the opening of the eighteenth century, when the former zeal and interest in the erection of magnificent buildings began to show

signs of temporary decline, the Society diminished in numbers and its members became dispersed over the world and engaged in similar or other pursuits.

“Up to this period no Grand Lodges had been established. Every Lodge was independent. Whenever circumstances seemed to require it, and a sufficient number of operative Masons could be brought together for that purpose, they proceeded to organize Lodges, without any warrant from a superior authority. An Annual Assembly would be held for the purpose of conference and legislation with reference to the general interests of the Society. When so assembled, a Grand Master would be chosen to preside over them.

“Such Assemblies continued to be held until A.D. 1717. In the month of February in that year, the four Lodges then existing in London united. The brethren of these Lodges assembled, and ‘having voted the oldest Master Mason then present into the chair, they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tempore*, in due form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communications of the officers of Lodges, resolved to hold the Annual Assembly and Feast, and then to choose a Grand Master among themselves, till they should have the honor of a noble Brother at their head. At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, held June 24th, A. D. 1717, the Brethren assembled and elected Mr. Anthony Sayer Grand Master of Masons, who, being forthwith invested with the badges of office and power by the said oldest Master, and installed, was duly congratulated by the Assembly, who paid him homage.’

“The doors of Masonic Lodges were then thrown open, and all worthy men, who could procure the unanimous consent of the members were permitted to enter.”

The One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication was held at Trenton on the 26th and 27th January, 1887, M. W. Bro. Joseph W. Congdon, Grand Master, presiding.

The following are reported under the heading “Decisions :”

“III. It is improper to debate in a Masonic Lodge upon the merits or eligibility of a candidate, after the report of a Committee of Investigation, and prior to the spreading of a ballot.

“IV. When a Lodge confers one or more degrees, at the request of another Lodge, it cannot exact a fee therefor, either from the candidate or from his Lodge.

VIII. The issuance of a Warrant to a lodge under dispensation does not necessarily involve the appointment of the same officers as those selected and named in the dispensation.

“XVI. In an election for officers, votes cast for ineligible persons should be regarded as blank ballots.

“XVII. Inasmuch as a vote is an expressed choice, wish or opinion concerning a person, place or proposed measure, blank pieces of paper cannot properly be construed to be votes, as they convey no meaning, and they are therefore not to be counted.

“XXII. An officer of the Grand Lodge cannot be suspended by a subordinate Lodge during his term of office.

“XXIII. A black ball or cube previously overlooked, having been immediately discovered in the ballot box after a candidate has been declared elected, the Master must forthwith retract his declaration, and announce the ballot not clear.”

Among the amendments to the Constitution we notice and fully approve of the following :

“(1). Strike out line 14, Section 2 of Constitution, which reads ‘R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters,’ and insert in lieu thereof the words ‘R. W. District Deputies.’”

The following from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

“Can a Lodge try an unaffiliated Mason ?

“*Ans.* Yes.”

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Bro. James A. Norton, it occupies 124 pages of the book, is ably and carefully prepared, and contains much information. Forty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed, Nova Scotia for 1886 among the number, and our opinion on “judicial opinions” of Grand Masters is quoted, but without comment, leaving us quite in the dark as to the writer’s own opinion on that subject.

Grand Master, M. W. Robert M. Moore.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Joseph H. Hough.

NORTH CAROLINA—1887.

This Grand Lodge “Centennialized” (if we may coin a word), at Raleigh, N. C., on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., January 11th, 1887, all the officers but two being in their chairs.

One hundred and twenty-two Lodges were represented.

From the M. W. G. Master’s report we are glad to learn that although the Country has been passing through a season of financial and agricultural depression, still “Masonry presents to-day a decidedly better outlook than it did a year ago.”

Several special communications were held during the year. The M. W. G. M. thus soundly discourses concerning *the social* features of Masonry :

"And for the third class, if secretaries would enforce the by-laws strictly, and never permit the dues to accumulate, there would not be so many defaulting members. When there is actual inability to pay dues, the first place for the exercise of masonic charity is to remit them.

"It is my deliberate conviction that the great cause of non-affiliation is the neglect of the social features of masonry by the lodges. The institution is complex in its character. While upon the one hand its chief claim to the confidence of mankind is its beautiful 'system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,' upon the other hand we must remember that it is a social brotherhood. From all parts of the jurisdiction the complaint arises that Masons take so little interest in the meetings of their lodges.

"Many lodges decline, become dormant and die, because the monthly gatherings are not made more attractive. The repetition of the ritual, not always particularly well done, the reading of the minutes, the report of a few delinquents and a speedy adjournment, probably ought to be attraction enough to tempt brethren in the country to ride eight or ten miles to the lodge-room, or members in town to forsake home or club or theatre or rival attraction, but so weak is human nature somehow it doesn't always do it.

"Far be it from me to advise that the lodge-room be made the scene of improper festivity, or to seek to ingraft upon Masonry the features that have brought discredit upon lodges elsewhere. I only recommend, with all the earnestness in my power that a united effort be made to render the lodge meetings more attractive. An inexpensive dinner or supper would be a pleasant addition in many instances. The stomach and not the heart is the real seat of the affections.

"True Masonry teaches, and has always taught, the highest temperance. A standing reproach to the Craft is the abuse of intoxicating liquors by its members. It is this abuse which gives force to and possibly justifies the position of the advocates of total abstinence. Upon intemperance, in every form, and especially the intemperate use of ardent spirits, by whomsoever committed, Masons should take no apologetic position. Drunkenness is a Masonic offence, and no single occurrence should be overlooked or treated as a simple weakness. The Master should see that the offender was at least most seriously admonished. Repeated intoxication is one of the highest offences, and no ill-judged compassion, no faint hopes of future reformation should prevent the lodge from fearlessly cutting off the faithless brother. To the victim tenderness and aid, if either will avail; to the offence unswerving justice. Thus alone can the Craft be saved from universal reproach and contempt."

The Centennial was celebrated by a public oration in the hall of the House of Representatives, State Capitol, on Wednesday evening, January 12th. A magnificent oration was delivered by Bro. Eugene S. Martin, which well repays perusal and which we only wish we could incorporate bodily into these pages.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence appear to have culled the best gems from the reports which passed under their notice,

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Robinson, was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1886.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Cleveland on 19th October, 5886.

S. Stacker Williams, M. W. G. M.

John D. Caldwell, R. W. G. S.

There was a full representation of Grand Officers.

The hand of the grim Tyler, Death, appears from the W. G. Master's report to have been exceedingly busy amongst prominent members of the Grand Lodge during the past year.

We heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master in his address concerning dispensation for occupancy of Masonic Halls by other bodies, being granted as seldom as possible, and never, unless absolutely unavoidable.

He speaks as follows :

“During the year I have been requested by quite a number of Lodges to grant my permission to occupy halls jointly with other organizations. The reasons assigned were generally unsatisfactory, and more requests were refused than were granted.”

We would like to have a copy of the order of Divine Service used at St. Philip's Church, on St. John's Day, to which the Grand Master alludes.

It would appear that the general public took great interest in the work of the Craft in laying the corner stone of a Court House, as evidenced by citizens from every part of the County crowding the streets for a lengthened period of time, although rain fell in torrents incessantly.

The officers and members of the 1st Baptist Church of Washington, C. H., requested the G. Lodge to lay the corner stone of a new meeting house.

This, although to us apparently a new departure, is as it should be. It is needless to say the request was cheerfully complied with.

The Grand Master deprecated the use of any *Masonic Lodge-room* for any unmasonic purpose, such as *Progressive Euchre Parties* (an amusement, by the way, so far as we know, quite unknown to our ancient brethren). We opine that he would also deprecate the use of the prestige of the Masonic name for excursions, picnics, etc., engineered by private members of the Craft, and unsanctioned in any way, either by the Grand Master or any specific Lodge.

On the question of consolidation of Lodges, which is so exceedingly urgent in Halifax, where we have ten or twelve Lodges, (in *Boston* we believe there are not nearly so many), the Grand Master reports the consolidation of four into two. The twelve of Halifax would work more satisfactorily if amalgamated into four.

We would like to know *what* the Grand Lodge of Ohio has ruled to be the constitutional number of Master Masons which *must* be present in order to open a Lodge and transact business, whether conferring degrees or of any other nature.

The Grand Master states that he has received and *answered* about *Eighteen Hundred* letters. Comment is quite unnecessary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had a very extensive field to traverse, apparently including every Grand Lodge in the world, and appear to have done their work thoroughly. Nova Scotia is briefly noticed.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

OREGON—1886.

The proceedings of this G. L. contain records of three Emergent Communications as well as of the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication held at Masonic Temple, City of Portland, on Wednesday, 16th June, 1886. Four only, of the regular officers were absent. No less than twelve Past Grand Masters were present.

Where such an array of Masonic law as is embodied in twelve P. G. M.'s we have ample evidence of sound wisdom and prudence, which bodes well for the stability of the work.

We notice that there is as yet no appointment of any representa-

tive from this G. Lodge near the G. L. of Nova Scotia. Is it *chilly* out in Oregon? or are *we* supposed to be as frigid here as, say Nova Zembla.

Seventy-one Chartered Lodges out of a total of eighty-five were represented. A very good per centage, and one shewing a lively interest in the working of the Craft.

The M. W. G. Masters report that "the sombre shadow of Azrael's wing has fortunately fallen upon but few Masonic households amongst us."

Three new Lodges Constituted. One Dispensation.

M. W. Grand Master, Reames, expresses his regret that he has not been able personally to visit all the Lodges in the jurisdiction. He makes a good shewing however, having visited forty-six, and reports that these visits have been the most pleasing ever performed, and he found the craft, with very few exceptions, in a contented and prosperous condition. The Lodges he was unable to visit personally were visited by a Past Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, they being commissioned by him.

It is cheering to know of M. W. G. Masters thus conscientiously "bearing in their bosoms," as it were, the Lodges under their care and supervision.

The M. W. G. Master recites at length five of his decisions and inserts two other answers with accompanying questions.

His address is lengthy and deals with matters of import to his jurisdiction in a *masterly* (well let it stand for want of a better word) manner.

The oration by Grand Orator R. W. Hill is noble reading. We would, did space permit, gladly print it in *in extenso*, and it is too good to mutilate.

Past Grand Master Ferguson, lying ill at his home during the meeting of Grand Lodge, a committee was appointed to visit him carrying the condolences and good wishes of his brethren. The Committee in making the round trip travelled over two hundred miles and returned and reported. Bro. P. G. M. Benjamin Jennings, who was also ill, but only lived ten miles from Portland, was also visited by a committee of Past Grand Masters.

This brotherly love and attention is much to be commended. It cheers our hearts to read of it.

A Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is very full, and is instructive reading.

This Jurisdiction has provided for "uniform work."

Want of space and time, not of inclination, hinders us from making a more lengthy review of the doings in this most flourishing jurisdiction.

Nova Scotia receives a greater share of the reviewer's notice than has appeared in any of the Committee's reports which have come under the notice of the writer of this review.

M. W. G. Master, James Erwin, Fullerton, whose portrait adorns the report was elected for the current year.

R. W. Frelon Jesse Babcock, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1886.

For a model abstract of proceedings commend us to the Report of the "Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania" for 5886, A. L.

It lies before us a perfect "Idyl in blue and gold."

Perfection it is in every respect. The mechanical execution, paper and printing, beautiful to the sight and touch; embellished with magnificent steel plate engraved portraits of R. W. Grand Master, E. Coppee Mitchell; R. W. Grand Treasurer, Thomas R. Patton, who has held the office since 1883, and R. W. Grand Secretary, Michael Nisbet, P. G. M. A *fac simile* of the R. W. G. Secretary's signature is attached to each of the Minutes contained in the book. The book further contains a picture of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and also a representation of the Invitation Cards issued for the banquet held in honor of the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Full reports of four regular quarterly Communications—the Annual Grand Communication, and an extra Communication held on the 25th September to celebrate the Centennial.

A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to R. W. G. M. Coppee Mitchell, who declined to be re-nominated for G. M.

We would gladly, had we space at our disposal, transcribe not only whole pages, but the greater part of the volume into this report. A vast fund of information is contained in the paper on "Freemasonry, its origin, history and purposes, by Brother Michael Arnold. An address by Brother George W. Guthrie, is *sound to the core*.

R. W. Bro. Joseph Eichbaum was elected Grand Master for the year 5887, Bro. Patton of course G. Treasurer, and equally of course Bro. Nisbet, R. W. G. Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is in keeping with the rest of the recorded work. Full, perspicuous and able, it of itself is a fund of information. A very exhaustive and minute examination is given to the claims for recognition of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and if the brethren are compelled to report against such recognition it cannot be said that the report is made "unadvisably, lightly, or wantonly."

We cannot but insert the remarks of the Committee on "passing the chair:"

"We observe that in some jurisdictions there is what is called a 'Past Master's Degree,' and in one a convocation exists which confers it on Masters elect.

"So far as we know, the authority for this degree as part of the Blue Lodge organization does not exist.

"To be a degree, requires a Past Master's Lodge or some authority to confer it. If it is a degree, certain other essential characteristics are required.

"A Senior Warden in the absence of a Worshipful Master, must take his station. He is then the Worshipful Master. He has never, at least in Pennsylvania, 'passed the chair,' as it is called. Yet he is fully qualified to perform all the duties of the Master of his Lodge. In this jurisdiction there is no such degree. We are not aware there ever has been. We may be 'behind the age,' going so slow as not to be abreast of all the new notions that here and there appear, and find advocates. Yet it is but proper to make these remarks, only because we are ignorant of the basis on which this so-called degree either exists, or on which it is assumed to rest.

"If any Grand Lodge Ahiman Rezon creates it, then it is only to be therein recognized. It may be that high authority is to be found which has recognized it. We are not aware of any such usage, custom, or Landmark in our Craft."

A wise suggestion is offered, that the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec intrust the contention between them to the arbitration of three Grand Lodges of the Craft.

We are compelled most reluctantly to stop "right here," or we are

afraid that we shall not stop at all. If loyalty to our own jurisdiction did not prevent, we would be tempted to migrate at once and for ever to a region which does such Masonic work and issues such reports as the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1886.

Eleventh Annual Convocation held at Charlottetown, on Thursday, 24th June, 1886.

Several of the Grand Officers were absent, and their places were supplied.

Fourteen Lodges were represented.

The M. W. Grand Master reports the Lodges working amicably with each other, and fraternal relations existing with other Grand Lodges.

He was not called upon for any decision of any importance during the past year.

Grand Treasurer reports a balance to credit of \$189.42.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence declines to recommend recognition of the "Grand Lodge of the federal district of the U. S. of Mexico."

M. W. G. Master, Hon. John Yeo, re-elected.

R. W. G. Secretary, B. Wilson Higgs, re-elected.

QUEBEC—1887.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at the City of Montreal January 26, 1887, M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, presiding.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge R. W. Bro., Alfred J. Hall, D. G. M., of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was admitted, introduced to the M. W. Grand Master and received with a most cordial and fraternal greeting by the brethren.

Bro. Hall in acknowledging the honor done him spoke at some length and said among other good things :

"M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC :

"Although in a foreign country and jurisdiction, I assure you that I feel much at home among Quebec Masons and in this Grand Lodge.

"I shall remember with pride and pleasure, as long as I remember anything, my fraternal acquaintance with the leading Masons of this jurisdiction.

"Past Grand Master Graham, whose absence on this occasion is deeply regretted by all, I am proud to call my friend. For nearly a decade, occupying the position of executive of this Grand Lodge, his voice and pen have given to the Masonic world an able enunciation of the principles of Grand Lodge sovereignty, for which you have so long and so fearlessly fought. His writings have been eagerly read by the American fraternity. England must have perused them with more than ordinary interest."

The Grand Master opened his address thus :

"This convocation was opened by a supplication to the Great Architect of the Universe, that He will bless our proceedings. We can only anticipate that we shall receive this blessing if we perform our work with a single eye to that which is true and just."

He had visited over 40 Lodges of the jurisdiction, accompanied frequently by a number of the brethren.

"Thus making those who live at a distance acquainted with each other, drawing still closer the bonds of brotherhood, and allowing lodge members, who have not the privilege of attending Grand Lodge meetings, an opportunity of becoming more intimate with the Rulers of the Craft."

He says he has been fortunate in the officers who were elected to support him during the year ; refers particularly to the Deputy, Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary, and states that one District Deputy had travelled 809 miles to visit one of his Lodges. This is all as it should be brethren : to the call of the Grand Master the Grand Officers, and above all others, the Grand Wardens should respond : they are not placed in positions of honor and responsibility in the craft as simply figure-heads, for if they are so placed then the sooner these offices are abolished the better.

Grand Master Walker had suspended the Worshipful Master of St. Charles' Lodge, No. 44, until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for initiating a resident of Toronto—the Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) and in his answer to the complaint made by the M. W. Grand Master of Canada says :

"I sincerely regret that a Worshipful Master could be found in this jurisdiction so ignorant of the constitutional requirements of our Grand Lodge.

"I can assure you that any violation of the rights of a Sister Grand Lodge, by any Mason in this jurisdiction, will be promptly punished."

On the subject of "physical disqualification" he decides as follows :

"If the only defect in a candidate is the loss of a portion of his foot, he is not disqualified—the ancient charges say that—

"He must have no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art—of serving his Master's Lord—and of being made a brother."

"If he can receive and give all signs, grips, &c., and assume all postures required, he is capable of learning the art, and of being made a brother."

The Quebec-England difficulty has resulted in the following edict of non-intercourse :

"GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.,

"GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,

"MONTREAL, 5th July, A. L. 5886, A. D. 1886.

"*To whom it may concern :*

"*Whereas*, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., was regularly formed on the twentieth day of October, 1869, by a majority of the Lodges in said province ; declared itself the Sovereign Masonic Grand Body therein, with exclusive jurisdiction within the limits of the said province ; has been recognized as a Grand Lodge with such rights, and under the force of the principle of co-equal territorial and masonic jurisdiction, by sixty-three sister Grand Lodges ; and has, ever since its formation, adhered to the aforesaid principle, and to its supreme control of Craft Masonry in said territory.

"*And Whereas*, notwithstanding there are no less than fifty-nine lodges in said province warranted by said Grand Lodge, and which recognize its jurisdiction and authority, there still remain three lodges therein, warranted by and holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, which refuse to yield obedience to or recognize the authority of this Grand Lodge, though repeatedly solicited to yield such obedience and recognize such authority ; and said three lodges were and are upheld therein by said Grand Lodge of England.

"*And Whereas*, on the first day of January, 1885, M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, then Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, issued his proclamation declaring all Lodges existing in this Province holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Lodge, irregular and masonically illegal, and suspending masonic intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate Lodges and members thereof on the one hand and said Foreign Lodges and members thereof on the other hand—asserting in said proclamation that his action in that regard was in vindication of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, and to uphold its prerogatives.

"*And, whereas*, the said three lodges warranted by said Grand Lodge of England, and their mother Grand Lodge, failed and refused to comply with the intent of said Proclamation, this Grand Lodge at its annual communication held

at the city of Montreal on the 27th and 28th days of January, 1886, passed the following Resolution, to wit :

“ That, whereas the issue of the Edict by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge forbidding intercourse between the Master Masons of the jurisdiction and the three lodges in Montreal warranted by the English Grand Lodge, has produced no perceptible effect in the settlement of the difficulty as to the supreme jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge in the territory of this province.

“ And, whereas, this Grand Lodge cannot honorably recede from its rightful claim to supremacy in masonic matters in this Province, or leave its future chances for success to the chapter of accidents ;

“ And, whereas, the Grand Lodge of England has refused to withdraw the warrants of its said three lodges, therefore be it

“ Resolved, That the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby instructed to issue an Edict in the name and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, severing all intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges and members on the one hand, and the Grand Lodge of England, the Subordinate Lodges and members thereof, on the other hand, unless the warrants of said three lodges be withdrawn, or unless they affiliate with this Grand Lodge on or before the first day of July next.

“ Which Resolution was officially communicated to and received by said Grand Lodge of England.

“ And, whereas, the warrants of said three lodges have not been withdrawn, nor have these lodges affiliated with this Grand Lodge within the delay specified in said resolution, nor has any desire been expressed on their part, or on the part of the Grand Lodge of England to comply with the terms or the spirit of said Resolution, although this Grand Lodge was prepared to accept affiliation or withdrawal in a fair and fraternal spirit.

“ And, whereas, it is necessary in the interests of the fraternity that the existence of said three lodges in this Province under another jurisdiction should terminate, and that the final assertion of the rights, prerogatives and supreme masonic authority of this Grand Lodge should be made in accordance with said resolution.

“ Now, therefore, I, James Frederic Walker, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Quebec and of the Grand Lodge therein, do, by these presents, order and proclaim, that all masonic intercourse be suspended and cease from this date between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of England and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto ; and all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said Grand Lodge of England, so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned.

“ This Proclamation and Edict to be in full force, virtue and effect until revoked by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge of Quebec.

“ Furthermore, I do hereby order and direct, that due proclamation of these presents be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, of all which

they are commanded to take due notice, and to govern themselves accordingly. And I further order that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

“ *Witness* my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this fifth day of July, A. L. 5886, A. D. 1886.

J. FRED. WALKER,

GRAND MASTER.

(*Attest*)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

GRAND SECRETARY, G. L. OF Q.

And in closing the Grand Master says :

“ This ends the controversy between England and ourselves. The printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge shew a continued and persistent attempt to solve the difficulty by peaceful means, which has failed. The addresses of my predecessors demonstrated, in the clearest manner, that the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction was not only held by all the American Grand Lodges and Scotland, but by England also. Their arguments have been unanswered, for they were unanswerable. We would be unworthy the name of Freemasons did we, because comparatively small in numbers, fear to do that which was right, on account of the power and strength of the Grand Lodge perpetrating a gross injustice. We shall be glad of the support of our Sister Grand Lodges, but whether such support is received or not, can make no difference in the stand we have taken in defence of our position as a sovereign Grand Lodge. We can rest assured that in the end right must prevail.”

R. W. Bro. Isaacson, the able Grand Secretary of Quebec, of whose visit to Virgin Lodge of this City some years ago, the writer has pleasant recollections, submitted a capital report and closed as follows :

“ I hope Grand Lodge will pardon or excuse my vanity if I venture to report a matter personal to myself, viz : that during the year I had the honor of being elected an honorary member of Chateauguay Lodge, an incident of which I am so proud as to be unable to keep silent there anent.”

Quite right you are Bro. Isaacson, keep not silence but speak aloud of the honor ; we, even at this distance, are also proud of the distinction conferred.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence occupying 88 pages and reviewing the Proceedings of 48 Grand Lodges is from the able pen of Bro. E. D. T. Chambers.

Referring to Grand Master Laurie's address and his services during the Servo-Bulgarian war, he says :

“Brother Laurie’s words have the right ring about them. They smack of the true spirit of Freemasonry. A genuine Freemason is never deaf to the cries of suffering; he views in every child of Adam a brother of the dust, and a sacred duty impels him to his relief. Brother Laurie is to be congratulated, not only upon the honorable sentiments by which he is actuated, but also upon the opportunity which was afforded him for gratifying them. How lovely is the picture of a Grand Master Mason thus employed! To the profane it may seem like a scene from some mediæval tapestry. To the members of the craft, save for the publicity which necessarily attends it, it is but a solitary, though noble example of that chivalrous, self sacrificing and unostentatious sympathy for human suffering, which is daily, nay hourly, exemplified by the visitors at many a destitute home, and the silent watchers in many a sick room, and by the side of many a death bed.”

Bro. Chambers thinks he sees danger ahead for Nova Scotia as to its Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and says :

“The danger which we see, is not to be apprehended from our Nova Scotian brethren, nor yet from the members of Royal Standard Lodge. It comes from England, and is heralded in a letter from the Secretary of the English Grand Lodge, in which, after refusing submission to the American principle of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty within the territorial limits of such Grand Lodge, it is quoted as a precedent, that ‘at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England continued its allegiance, and is still working, at Halifax, in harmony with the Local Grand Lodge.’ And this was quoted as a crusher to Quebec’s claim to undivided control within her own territorial limits, in which she was supported by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and as a reason for the continued maintenance in Montreal by the Grand Lodge of England, of lodges refusing allegiance to the supreme Masonic authority of the jurisdiction in which they are situated, and accepting its rejected material. It seems to us that our Nova Scotia brethren owe it to themselves to have England recognize the fact that they have complete and undivided control within their own territorial limits.”

Well, Bro. Chambers, we can not help what the present Grand Secretary of England may be pleased to write on the subject. He is somewhat inaccurate when he says “At the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England continued the allegiance, &c.,” for not only one Lodge but twenty-five Lodges continued their allegiance to England for three years or until 1869, when the whole Civilian Craft in this Province became united, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was then recognized by England without any hampering conditions whatever.

Here is the record copied from the minutes of the Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia held at Halifax Dec. 3, 1869 :

"The R. W. Grand Secretary (Twining) read a Communication from the V. W., John Hervey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, announcing the *unanimous* adoption by that body, on the first day of September last (1869) of the following Resolution, viz :

Resolved, "That the independence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia be recognized ; and that the Lodges holding warrants under the Grand Lodge of England be permitted to retain their warrants as memorials of their parent Grand Lodge."

See our Proceedings 1870, page 14. This is the resolution pure and simple, *ni plus ni moins*, and with it on record we see no cause for alarm, nor do we apprehend for a moment any danger from the permitted existence in our midst of a lodge composed exclusively of military brethren—of non-commissioned gentlemen—of honorable men, whose past honorable record fully justifies our expectations for the future.

Before leaving this subject, however, we cannot help expressing the conviction, while sympathizing deeply with our Canadian Sister, that the present unhappy position of affairs between the two Grand Lodges, England and Quebec, has been increased rather than diminished by injudicious action on the part of, no doubt, well meaning friends.

The solution of this unhappy question evidently now rests with our English brethren in Montreal: it is in their power to show to the world "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May the G. A. O. T. U. dispose their hearts and minds to bring about peace. "Let us have peace."

Lodges 59 ; members 2876.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND - 1886.

We have no wish to criticize harshly, but the report of proceedings opens with a report of a Special Communication held at Newport, R. I., Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1885, and no statement appears as to the *reason* for the Communication. A full report of the services is given, but the reviewer has to elicit for himself that it is the laying of a

corner stone. Again, another most voluminous report of proceedings of Grand Lodge opened in the E. A. degree appears, and it is only after much labour that we discover that the work is (presumably) the dedication of a new masonic temple. Would it not be as well to state at the commencement of the record for what purpose the Special Communication is held?

And now, having grumbled enough, we proceed to say that both services were, so far as we can judge "good work and true." Anti-phons and anthems, psalms and hymns abound and the *ritual* is solemn, grand and awe-inspiring.

We have also the report of the Semi-Annual Communication and of the Annual Communication.

At the Semi-Annual Communication 183 brethren entitled to vote were present, representing thirty-one Lodges.

At the Ninety-sixth Annual Communication 225 brethren entitled to vote were present. Thirty-three Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master's address is lengthy. He deprecates excessive legislation and rejoices that with the exception of changing a date in the constitution, adopting an order and two decisions no legislation has been performed by the Grand Lodge for three years past, and there is no unfinished business.

Seventeen dispensations for various work have been granted during year.

A considerable space is allotted to the defence of "permanent membership of Past Masters in Grand Lodge." All that is said seems to us to be sound logic and common sense.

We like much the idea of "the connecting links between the Fathers of the Grand Lodge and the active younger Sons of the present."

The reports of the District Deputies shew activity and precision of working.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is brief on account, it is stated, of few matters being specially referred to it. Does it not receive reports of other G. Lodges, or is it not its duty to review them?

The Committee refuses to recommend recognition of the Grand Lodge of the federal district of Mexico.

It recommends no definite action as regards the "Spanish Independent Grand Symbolic Lodge."

The Committee does not favor recognition of the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria.

As regards South Australia recognition is recommended.

They support the Grand Lodge of Quebec and recommend a resolution that the Lodges holding allegiance to England should transfer that allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The tabular statement shews number of Lodges, 37 ; number of Master Masons, 3580.

M. W. Grand Master, Newton D. Arnold, Providence, R. I.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Edwin Baker, care of Henry Baker & Son, Providence, R. I.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1886.

One Hundred and tenth Annual Communication held at Charleston, in Masonic Hall, at twelve o'clock, meridian, Dec. 14, A. D. 1886.

M. W. G. Master J. Adger Smythe in his address inculcates in glowing phrases the greatness of Masonic virtues. He alludes in touching terms to the terribly depressing calamity of the earthquake. The Masonic Temple was greatly injured by the shock, but was, by command of the Grand Master, at once repaired, and was, at the time of G. L. meeting, again in good repair. Harmony pervades all the Lodges, and Masonry is everywhere in the Jurisdiction "on the up-grade." Corner stone of monument to Confederate dead was laid in Lexington according to the ritual.

Great credit is given to the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer for superior skill and neatness in keeping their respective records and accounts.

We notice in the report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, under the head of Nova Scotia, that the chairman expresses an opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of N. S., in recognizing certain Grand Lodges there specified, is "hasty and ill-advised."

This *seems* to be rather harsh language, and we think that Bro. Inglesby should have said *more* or *less*.

M. W. Grand Master Adger Smythe, and R. W. Grand Secretary Inglesby were both re-elected.

TENNESSEE—1887.

Seventy-Third Annual Communication begun and held in Free Masons' Hall, in the City of Nashville, on the last Tuesday in January, being the 25th day of the month, A. D. 1887, A. L. 5887. M. W. Thomas O. Morris, Grand Master. Three hundred and thirty-nine lodges were represented; only fifty-five being unrepresented. Discussing the subject of multiplicity of Lodges the Grand Master wisely speaks thus :

"Too many Lodges.—In my opinion we have too many Lodges. Masonry is too easy to get. It is right at our door, still the brethren will not attend. In times past when the brethren were compelled to ride twenty or thirty miles to attend Lodge meetings, the records show that the Lodges were full; the brethren met in social intercourse; were glad to see each other; pulled off their hats and were at home all day. When the time came to separate, they left feeling glad they had been there, and looked forward with joy to the next meeting. Now we, sometimes, meet with hardly a quorum present, transact business strictly, and as soon as the Lodge closes make a break for the door seemingly afraid that we will have to stop long enough to shake hands with each other. Let us get rid of this habit at once and try the old way awhile."

True Brother, and we know of something like this elsewhere than "way down in Tennessee."

The Grand Secretary's Report shows traces of a master hand in minutiae and classification.

The abstract of Returns are very full, and well planned and drawn up.

A very able address by Bro. M. B. Toney in advocacy of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home appears in the report of this Grand Lodge.

The report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is full, and contains judicious comments upon many topics of general interest.

In the report of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory the Grand Master reports being asked to a Masonic "dance," but did not attend. He says :

"Except we apply the '*brake*' more heroically, we may expect to hear of a 'Masonic political meeting' or 'Masonic sideshow,' or numerous other 'Masonic' performances, all under the auspices of some ambitious Lodge."

We would note with fervent approval the following from the report of the Grand Secretary, West Virginia :

"The best informed Mason is always the one who discharges his duties with most intelligence, who is consulted by his brethren as to matters of Masonic law and observance, and who thus rises to places of honor and trust in his own Lodge, in the Grand Lodge of his State, and in the esteem of the Masonic world."

Caswell A. Goodloe was elected M. W. Grand Master.

John Frizzell R. W. Grand Secretary, Nashville.

TEXAS—1886.

Our attention is at once arrested upon taking up the report of Grand Lodge, by the appalling mortality which seems to have afflicted this jurisdiction during the past year. A Lodge of Sorrow was held in grateful remembrance of no less than *three hundred and eighty-two brethren* who during the year have entered into rest. The cause of this depletion of our body appears to have been the dread scourge of yellow fever. We offer our deepest heartfelt condolence to our bereaved sister jurisdiction, and feel that our consolation must be in the knowledge that many precious and polished stones have, in the hands of the G. A. O. T. U., been fitted to adorn the Great Temple above.

The Annual Communication held at Houston, on the second Tuesday in December, A. L. 5886.

M. W. G. Master, A. J. Rose.

R. W. G. Secretary, T. W. Hudson.

The address of the Grand Master, although an able and polished document, contains little of anything of interest beyond the local jurisdiction.

The Orator of the Grand Lodge of Sorrow, Right Worshipful Brother James B. Stubbs, discharged his sad duties in a manner which was most impressive. His oration is couched in most chaste and affecting language, and must have made a most deep and lasting impression upon those who had the privilege of listening to him.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence do not seem to have found anything worthy of record in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the past year.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary were re-elected.

UTAH—1887.

This Grand Lodge met in 16th Annual Communication at Salt Lake City, Jan. 18, 1887, M. W. Parley Lycurgus Williams, Grand Master, presiding, and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary, with the eight Lodges of the jurisdiction represented.

In the Grand Master's address there is nothing of special interest to Nova Scotians,—but the following from the Grand Secretary's Annual Report is decidedly applicable here :

“There are a few of our Grand Representatives who never attend a meeting of their respective Grand Lodges, and I am inclined to believe that among them are several who have entirely forgotten that they hold a commission from the Grand Lodge of Utah. They should resign. Our Brethren who hold commissions from sister Grand Jurisdictions, and who can not or will not attend the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, should do the same. It is one of the first duties of a Grand Representative to report at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge he is accredited to, and he ought to comply with that duty, or else step out and let another Brother have the place. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl. Under Canada he refers to the Grand Master's address as follows :

“The Grand Master speaks of a paper issued by Cardinal Taschereau, in which that eminent priest denounces Masonry as ‘a society of irreligious men, banded together under an organization and by horrible oaths, under the secret guidance of invisible leaders, for the purpose of making war upon the Church and upon society, and for resuscitating paganism under the specious pretext of establishing

liberty, equality and fraternity throughout the world.' Such anathemas do no harm to Masonry. The first attack came from Pope Clement XII, in 1738, the last from Pope Leo XIII, in 1884; still Masonry has increased and marched on, because its aim is 'More Light,' while the Church of Rome prefers darkness. It is altogether too late in the day for the Church to win. Masonry will hold its position in the arena and come out victor."

He thinks the District Deputies in Nova Scotia do good work, and agrees with our remarks of last year in reviewing Oregon, that an E. A. or F. C. is a Mason to all intents and purposes, and that as such he has rights which should be respected.

Bro. Diehl closes an eminently able and instructive review as follows :

"Now Brothers, just read and behold the figure of members. Over a half a million men in North America are Freemasons, and all have obligated themselves to be good men and true. O, what a glorious thought if they all would keep their promises, and show by their daily walks that they really are what they profess to be; then Masonry would indeed be a power in the land and a power for good. If such would be the case, the howlings of our enemies, whether they come from the Vatican in Rome, or from anywhere else, could not hurt our organization. And all it needs to accomplish such a result, is that members and Lodges are but faithful to the inner as well as the outer life of Masonry. We therefore hail with joy all steps tending to that result, and we trust to see the day when no such thing as gambling, intemperance, profanity, or wrong-doing of any kind will be found within or about our family circle."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

VERMONT--1886.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Vermont convened in the city of Burlington, June 9, 1886. M. W. Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master says :

"While the bearer of burdens, the faithful craftsman, and master workman, have been busily employed, the Reaper with his scythe has been equally active. The veteran craftsman whose presence has oft inspired us, the brother in the prime of life and vigorous manhood, and the youth who but yesterday was presented with the lambskin, have alike met and yielded to the grim tyrant, Death."

The following are among the decisions :

“A Master cannot resign ; nor can he dimit from his Lodge until after his successor has been regularly elected, and duly installed.

“An applicant for degrees, for affiliation, or for restoration, must subscribe to his petition in his own hand-writing. No proxy can subscribe for him.

“When the annual communication of a Lodge, and election of officers, occurs on St. John's Day, if that day falls on Sunday such communication and election should be held on the day previous.

“In balloting for a candidate, when one black ball appears the Master may order a second, or even a third ballot, without declaring the result, provided no other business intervenes between such ballots, and the result is declared immediately after the final ballot.

At the afternoon session of the first day the Grand Master was informed of the presence of distinguished visitors from Sister Grand Lodge jurisdictions, when a committee was appointed to wait on these brethren and introduce them to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Walker and Past Grand Master Tyler, of Quebec, were then introduced, welcomed by M. W. Bro. Jenkins, G. M. of Vermont, and invited to seats on the Grand East.

The Grand Master of Quebec then spoke as follows :

“I am exceedingly grateful for your kind and fraternal words and your complimentary remarks as to sister Grand Lodges, and I thank you for the reception you have given the official head of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Lodge of Vermont is a Grand Lodge that has, since its first organization, sustained the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction and Grand Lodge sovereignty. We are one of the few Grand Lodges in whose jurisdiction there are existing subordinate lodges not acknowledging our jurisdiction. I would not take this occasion to introduce any merely local troubles to disturb the harmony of your distinguished Grand Lodge, but this subject is not a local disturbance. These lodges claim the right to make masons of any one, no matter where residing, and this is sometimes mis-called the Quebec trouble, but, sir, it is not the Quebec question at all. It is the English question and not that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec or Vermont, but a menace against all the Grand Lodges on this continent. I want to make this point clear, and to do so, call your attention to the case where a man black-balled by a lodge in a sister Grand Lodge then applied to one of these lodges and was made a Mason. When reported to the Grand Lodge of England the reply was, this is not an invasion of territory, for the lodge did not go to the man, but the man came to the lodge. England says these lodges may join the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but they will not compel them to do so. The Grand Lodge of England claims that one Mason may hold a charter and keep a lodge alive. Hence, when some years ago two of the three remaining English Registry lodges, by a large majority vote, decided to join Canada, a few dissenting Masons claimed and had re-issued to them the charters of the two lodges who had joined the Grand

Lodge of Canada. We do not want any lodge unless we have the whole of it, for it is hard to find a lodge that does not contain one 'crank,' and he can hold the charter from England. This is the situation. The Grand Lodge over which I have the honor to preside has ordered the last resort of Masons, a proclamation of non-intercourse, to issue July 1, 1886, against the Grand Lodge of England. And that proclamation will issue on that date against the Grand Lodge of England if we do not get the common justice allowed Masons the world around."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master, L. C. Butler, M. D.

He says in his introduction :

"Masonry is no myth. It is not a system at war with the highest hopes and far-reaching possibilities and cravings of human life and its surroundings. It is in entire harmony with the principles of truth and righteousness. It has a real errand, a real work to accomplish in the darkness and sorrow and loneliness of earth. Its mission is in happy accord with morality and christianity. By studying its movements as shown in the proceedings of the many and widespread divisions of its great hosts, we gather profit and instructions from its achievements, and inspiration for our Masonic life-work."

This report covers 93 pages and contains a large amount of useful information, much of which we would like to copy for the information of our own readers, did funds permit. Nova Scotia for 1885 is noticed, and its Report on Foreign Correspondence is credited to one Daniel O'Moore !!!

Not so, Bro. Butler, we have never made that gentleman's acquaintance. Our Chairman is the Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton, N. S., an Englishman, we think, by birth, and now a Nova Scotian by long residence. Dan must be some other fellow, a brother, possibly, of Rory.

Lodges, about 100 ; members, 8,017.

VIRGINIA—1886.

The 109th Grand Annual Communication began its sessions in the City of Richmond, Dec. 13, 1886, A. L. 5886, M. W. Bro. Francis H. Hill, Grand Master, presiding and R. W. William B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary.

This is one of the oldest as it is one of the largest Grand Lodges on the Continent—having over two hundred lodges with about nine thousand masons under its obedience.

The Grand Master submitted a list of questions that had been submitted to him, as also his answers. The following will appear curious enough to our Nova Scotia readers; for example :—

“What action should a Lodge take when one Mason undertakes to ‘boycott’ another?”

“In reply, I said : ‘The question of ‘boycotting’ is one that is assuming immense proportions in the United States, and is likely to become a disturbing element in the politics of the country. That we, as a Masonic organization, should endeavor to keep clear of all political alliances and complications; but when cases of that character shall arise between Masons which shall disturb the peace and harmony of the Fraternity, *and a gross wrong shall be perpetrated by one Mason upon another*, it will be the duty of the Lodge to take cognizance of it, prefer charges against the wrong-doer, and, if he be found guilty, to inflict such punishment as is authorized by the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct.’”

In closing his well prepared address the Grand Master pays a well deserved compliment to their valuable Grand Secretary, thus :—

“I desire especially to make my grateful acknowledgments to our beloved Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful William B. Isaacs, for his uniform kindness and courtesy, and for the valuable aid he has afforded me for more than two years last past in the discharge of the many and sometimes onerous labors which devolved upon me. Always prompt and accurate in furnishing me with whatever information his office contained that was necessary to enable me properly to perform my duty, his services to me were invaluable. Long may he live to hold the office which he has so ably and faithfully filled with honor to himself and to this Grand Lodge.”

The Grand Lecturer presented a faithful account of work done by him during the year; he had visited 17 Districts and 55 Lodges, instructing in ritual and *delivering lectures* as well, and the committee on doings of Grand Officers thus eulogize him :

“As regards the worth and untiring industry of our Most Worshipful Brother P. S. Coles, Grand Lecturer, any attempt at commendation on our part would be only a repetition of the expressions used by every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction whenever and wherever his name is mentioned. His own consciousness of work well done must be more agreeable than anything we could offer in praise of this indispensable officer.”

There are 40 Districts in the jurisdiction and the report of the Deputies show them to be efficient officers. A very commendable feature in these reports is the *multum in parvo* principle upon which they all appear to be written, the best of them occupying less than a page of printed matter.

A splendidly written review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, covering about 80 pages of the work before us is presented by W. F. Drinkard.

Under Alabama he quotes the following decision :

“That one who was initiated E. A., passed to the degree of F. C., and proceeds with the Master's degree as far as the conclusion of the obligation, and then declines or refuses to proceed further, occupies the status of a F. C., and cannot be held or treated as a M. M., in any sense of the word.”

Similarly we presume that a candidate for initiation refusing to proceed beyond the end of the obligation, could not be considered an ent. app. Consequently if not an ent. app. he is not a mason, but we frequently hear to the question “what makes you a mason,” the following reply ; my *O. B.* Now can a man be a mason who has not received either a g— or a p—w.— who has seen nothing in fact, and who knows nothing : there seems to be an inconsistency in the answer usually given.

Nova Scotia for 1886 is favorably noticed, and Bro. Moore gets credit for furnishing “a good Report.”

Grand Master, M. W. William F. Drinkard, Richmond.

Grand Secretary, R. W. William B. Isaacs, Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA—1886.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held Jan. 20, 1886, for the purpose of constituting Lewis County Lodge, No. 46.

Another special was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a Baptist Church, by invitation of said Church.

The 22nd Annual Communication was begun and held in the City of Wheeling, Nov. 9, 1886, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

There was no address from the Grand Master, owing to his absence.

The Grand Secretary in his report says :

“The information received at my office is of a very satisfactory character, as to the condition of the Order within our jurisdiction. Our growth in the State is not rapid ; but it is nevertheless steady and continuous. The portals of our lodges, I am glad to know, as a general thing, are securely guarded, and the result is none but ‘good men and true,’ are allowed to enter. While such is the case, our

membership will not increase with that rapidity that some might expect and desire ; but in the end it will be seen our lodges have acted wisely and well."

The following decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

" It is not expedient for Masons to hold joint occupancy of Lodge rooms with sons of Temperance, Good Templars, Odd Fellows or any similar society.

" This decision has been reiterated by every Grand Master since 1867 and the non-expediency of such joint occupation has the force of actual prohibition of such joint occupancy.

" A Lodge that meets but once a month, at a stated meeting elected a candidate to be initiated. He did not present himself that evening and a meeting was called one week thereafter for the purpose of conferring the first degree. The candidate was initiated and three weeks thereafter, at a stated communication of the Lodge, he asked to be advanced. He was strictly examined as to his proficiency and answered correctly in all respects. Is he eligible to advancement or must thirty days expire before he can receive the next degree ?

Answer—He is eligible.

" Is there any rule of the Grand Lodge that would forbid the use of the Lodge room of Harmony Lodge, No. 59, for a ball to be given on Christmas night for the benefit of the Lodge ?

" In answer I would say that there is no rule upon the subject, and I am not now aware that a similar question has been proposed to any previous Grand Master in the State. But my own opinion is decidedly adverse to the giving of a public ball in a Lodge room. No matter to what purpose the funds thus collected may be applied. You propose to hold a ball for revenue. Of course every person who can purchase a ticket must be admitted. The dance is not likely to improve the moral tone of the Lodge or enhance its good reputation in the community. Therefore, to the extent of my authority as Grand Master, I disapprove the use of the Lodge room of Harmony Lodge, No. 59, for a public ball to be held on Christmas night, or at any other time.

" Can a Lodge under Dispensation admit Masons who apply for membership by filing dimits with applications in due form ?

Answer—A Lodge under dispensation can do only what the dispensation gives it authority to do, viz : to enter, pass and raise Masons. It cannot affiliate members by receiving their petitions and dimits.

" *Question*—Is it lawful for a Lodge to call a meeting for the purpose of conferring the M. M's. degree, and ballot in a special meeting for the same ?

Answer—No.

" *Question*—Can a Masonic Lodge legally attend the funeral in a body (as a Lodge) of a deceased Brother when the deceased had also been a member of another secret society, and the members of that secret society also attend the funeral in a body and perform their funeral rights? In short, should not Masons

demand and have exclusive charge of the body of a deceased brother, and when that cannot be had should they not abstain from all participation in the funeral exercises.

*“Answer—*Masons should not appear in any public procession, unless engaged in the performance of Masonic work.

*“Question—*Is it legal to initiate a candidate who has partially lost the sight of one eye by accident? He is a young man and the injury has been done only a few years. He thinks in time the sight will be restored.

*“Answer—*The party mentioned is not disqualified.”

We find the Grand Master's annual address at the end of the book, as owing to illness it had not been prepared in time for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

The address is an excellent one, and as our money is running out we shall only be able to give our Nova Scotia readers the following extract :

“I do not wonder that Masons grow tired of hearing only the formulas prescribed for opening or closing or for conferring of degrees, without any attempt at explanation as to why things are so or so, or as to the history and inner meaning of any of the ceremonies of the Lodge. If the Master cannot explain, perhaps some better informed Mason, who has read and studied, may be able in each Lodge to bring forth from his storehouse things new and old for the information of the Craft, and to the end of awakening a deeper interest in Masonic affairs.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by a committee of one, viz :—Bro. G. W. Atkinson,—it is a well digested resumé of the proceedings of about 55 Grand Lodges. Of our Bro. Moore he says :

“Brother David C. Moore submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which I consider quite creditable in all respects.”

M. W. H. R. Howard, Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary, Wheeling.

WASHINGTON—1886.

The 29th Annual Communication convened in the City of Olympia, June 2, 1886. M. W. Bro. Louis Ziegler, Grand Master, presiding, and M. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

The opening of the Grand Master's address abounds in many beautiful thoughts clothed in corresponding language. The word painting is of rare excellence. We would like to copy much of it but want of space forbids more than a few extracts :

"If we will turn our faces to the north (not the place of darkness in this instance, but a place of exquisite beauty and delight), we will behold before us one of the most lovely inland seas upon the earth, teeming with abundance of delicious fishes and all kinds of moluscan delicacies of rarest flavor. No people on earth are so especially favored by munificent nature, as our people, who are vouchsafed homes on this delightful sea.

"Upon the bosom of these placid waters ride the ships of all nations, taking and bringing the products of the earth for barter and exchange.

"But if we raise our eyes and look, we will behold, on our right, the mighty Cascade Range, with fir-clad hills and snow-capped mountains piercing the clouds, with heads of perpetual ice, forming a formidable barrier, which separates this magnificent Mediterranean of the Pacific from our inland empire of most fertile fields, where the husbandman reaps the richest of rewards for honest toil.

"This gigantic mountain range, with its adamantine walls and rocky cliffs, boldly bids defiance to the skill of modern science; yet, happily for us all, but a few moons more and this stubborn mountain chain will be severed by the electric wire and the steel rail, those potent agencies of modern civilization; and our grand commonwealth, now separated into eastern and western portions, with diversified interests, will be united into one grand empire; with one common interest, for which we, all of us, will labor, and all enjoy.

"If now we turn and look to the left, we behold before us the most magnificent range that the eye of man ever gazed upon; a range of mountains which, starting from this beautiful sea, with undulating meads and hills, growing to imposing pine-clad mountains of giddy height, then ending in lofty peaks, whose brows are covered with crowns of perpetual snow. This is fitly termed the Olympic Range; for, like the Olympic Range of old, nature has ordained it as a fit abode for the gods. The many snow-capped peaks that rear their giant heads around their common centre, old Mount Olympus, seem as sentries to guard off daring mortals from approaching the sacred home of Jove. Whereas, doubtless they have stood as hoary sentinels of countless ages past, observing with seeming indifference, animation evolving from the inanimate, and natural development slowly yet surely growing from a lower to a higher scale of life; yes, they have beheld races coming and races passing away. They have witnessed the birth and death of nations, the rise and fall of empires, the coming and going of man, without leaving behind them a solitary scrap or tablet of history to mark their greatness whilst existing, or their insignificance in their decay. What testimony they will bear of us and our age and generation will wholly depend upon our own acts and deeds. And we, my brethren, during this Annual Communication, are called upon to furnish a scrap of history to be seen and read by man in years to come, and I entreat you, my brethren, let our work be square, upright and perfect.

"A second glance at Mount Olympus; me-thinks we see Jupiter mounted on a throne of ice, under a canopy of perpetual snow, constantly observing and constantly excusing the frailties and weaknesses of the children of men; beside him sits Juno in perfect fever of jealousy, watching for and reminding him of the short-

comings of poor human beings, and demanding in virtuous indignation, the severest punishment for the lewd dalliance of the Queen of Beauties with the God of War."

The Grand Master has decided as follows :

"Can a man who has lost the two first fingers of his left hand be made a Mason ?

"*Answer*—No, he cannot, for, according to the old Constitution, he must be of perfect body, with no main or defect which may render him incapable to learn the Art aright.

"A man, morally qualified in every respect to receive the degrees in Masonry, but has lost the first joint of his right thumb, can he be made a Mason ?

"*Answer*—He cannot, for every applicant for our mysteries must be able to comply with the essential requirements of the modes of recognition ; therefore your man is ineligible."

And on the subject of business integrity he speaks thus nobly :

"In my judgment, the time has come for this Grand Lodge to declare, in unmistakable terms, how far a Mason may act in confidence with a brother Mason and still be within bounds of propriety ; how far he may betray the confidence of a brother and still be considered honest and doing right under the section of law referred to, and how near he may hew to the line of dishonesty, without snapping the cords of honor and duty to a brother. We have too much of this kind of sharp practice ; a wilful disregard of our commercial obligations which some are pleased to term sharp business practice. I tell, you, my brethren, there is no business in this way of doing. True business is and must be conducted by the strictest rules of integrity, and without a strict observance of these rules business is a failure. I tell you we have too much of this, and Masonry must protect itself, and it must say to its votaries : ' You must lead an honest and upright life, deal honorably with *all* men, and not permit them to go about to ensnare the unwary, betray their confidence and defraud them of their lawful due.' "

There is an elaborate and exhaustive report on Foreign Correspondence from the able pens of M. W. Bros. Louis Ziegler and Thomas M. Reed. Nova Scotia, 1885, receives complimentary notices as follows :

"The Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge come to us in a very neat form, clothed in the habiliments of taste and neatness, which bespeaks the tidiness of the Grand Secretary.

"The report of the Grand Secretary contains all that is of use and importance to the members of the Jurisdiction ; every detail of the acts and doings of the Craft is embodied in this very able report."

Of Grand Master Laurie's address he says :

"The Address of Grand Master Laurie, which was read by the Grand Secretary, is a brief but scholarly paper, ending with a concise resumé of his official acts prior to his taking the field as a true soldier in defence of law and order. Upon the whole, it is as good as it is short, and was appreciated by the Grand Lodge, and more so because it is the effort of a true soldier and a true Mason, and was conceived in the wilds of the far-off North-West Territory, where our distinguished Brother held his headquarters."

And of our Bro. Moore :

"Bro. Moore is a very clear and forcible writer, very practical in his notions, and we heartily concur in his views as to what a report on Correspondence should be, which he so ably expresses in his review of Nevada for 1884, in the following terse way : 'The present style of review is tedious, expensive and useless, except so far as any decisions are recorded which may be of general utility. The exchange of friendly badinage, the mutual compliments and admirations, the enumeration of bare statistics, and the duplication of rhetorical flourishes from the Addresses of Grand Masters, serve no useful purpose, and swell the cost of the Grand Lodge Proceedings beyond reasonable limits. Let us have reform all along the line ; entrust the Foreign Correspondence to some trusty hand, who will extract the pith and marrow from overwhelming mass and give it in the form of a digest of decisions.'"

And then adds :

"These are our views expressed in a nut-shell, and should like to see them reduced to practice."

Lodges, 49 : members, 1,957.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

WYOMING—1886.

This Grand Lodge met in Annual Communication at Cheyenne City on Tuesday, 7th December, 5886, R. W. J. H. Goddard, D. G. M., acting as Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address was received too late to be referred to Committee or considered by Grand Lodge.

No decisions of importance during the year.

Grand Treasurer's report shews a balance on hand of \$834.53.

An oration delivered by Grand Master Wm. W. Peck is published in extenso and is very instructive reading. His analysis of the 2nd and 3rd Chapters of the Book of Genesis and his description of

Hebrew Polity as a great factor in the accomplishment of the prophecy as regards the "Seed of the Woman" is masterly and scholarly, and he does not seem *afraid* to touch the *New Testament* or to speak of the *Christ-Satan* war. It is quite refreshing to hear of Christ, His death and resurrection in masonic lore. We will look with interest in the future for Bro. Peck's orations.

There are also reports of *three* Special Communications of G. L. for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The tabulated statement of membership shews six Chartered Lodges ; one under dispensation ; with a membership of M. M.'s numbering 472.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence offer through Bro. Kuykendall apologies for imperfect work, as it is their first attempt at the work. The attempt, however, is a good one, and the extracts given are useful and quite as full and well arranged as many another Committee's report of much greater age and experience, and with a promise to prepare and present something better at the next Annual Communication we feel assured that instruction and edification all around will be the result.

ENGLAND.

To give our Nova Scotia brethren some idea of what Masonry is and is doing in England we take the liberty of copying almost *in extenso* the Proceedings of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world at a special meeting held in London, June 13, 1887, in connection with the Queen's Jubilee.

With the powerfully social backing the craft has at its command in the British Isles we think our friends there can afford to smile at the vicious but impotent attacks of the subjects of any foreign potentate.

We think the perusal of the following will well repay the expense of printing :

PRESENT.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, *K. G.*, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, and District Grand Master for Bombay, as Past Grand Master.

M. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Senior G. Warden.

R. W. General the Right Honorable Viscount Wolseley, *K. P.*, *G. C. B.* Junior G. Warden.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Methuen, Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master for Kent.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master for Bristol.

R. W. Sir Daniel Gooch, *Bart.*, Provincial Grand Master for Berks and Bucks.

R. W. William Wither Bramston Beach M. P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

R. W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, *Bart.*, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

R. W. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire.

R. W. Colonel Charles Lyne, Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire.

R. W. General John Studholme Brownrigg, *C. B.*, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland.

R. W. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M. P., Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Suffield, *K. C. B.*, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk.

R. W. Montague John Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire.

R. W. Charles J. Egan, *M. D.*, District Grand Master, South Africa (*E. D.*)

R. W. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, *Bart.*, *M. P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire.

R. W. The Right Honorable Viscount Ebrington, *M. P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire.

R. W. Sir Joseph Russell Bailey, *Bart.*, *M. P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire.

R. W. Colonel George Singleton Tudor, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Brooke, Provincial Grand Master for Essex.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Kensington, Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales.

R. W. Arthur M. Saunders, District Grand Master for Madras.

R. W. Sir Hedworth Williamson, *Bart.*, *D. L.*, Provincial Grand Master for Durham.

R. W. Thomas William Tew, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Jersey, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire.

R. W. Colonel William Stuart, Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Harlech, Provincial Grand Master for North Wales.

R. W. Sir Offley Wakeman, *Bart.*, Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire.

R. W. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man.

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk.

R. W. Sir Matthew White Ridley, *Bart.*, *M. P.*, Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland.

R. W. Lieut.-Colonel George A. Vernon, Past Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.

R. W. William Kelly, Past Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland.

R. W. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Past District Grand Master for the Punjab.

R. W. Lieut.-Colonel Aubrey W. Olgilvie Saunders, Past District Grand Master for Madras.

R. W. Edward Tyrell Leith, Past District Grand Master for Bombay.

R. W. Robert Cunliffe, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Victor A. Williamson, *C. M. G.*, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Sir Albert W. Woods, *Garter*, Grand Director of Ceremonies, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, *P. G. W.*

R. W. the Honorable Mr. Justice Cave, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, *Bart.*, *P. G. W.*

R. W. the Right Honorable the Earl of Milltown, *P. G. W.*

R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Cremorne, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Æneas J. McIntyre, *Q. C.*, *P. G. W.*

R. W. Sir John Braddick Monckton, *P. G. W.*

R. W. the Most Honorable the Marquess of Hertford, *P. G. W.*

- R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Charles Beresford, *C. B.*, *M. P.*, *P. G. W.*
 V. W. Rev. Thomas Cartwright Symth, *D. D.*, } *G. Chaplains.*
 V. W. Rev. George Warbuton Weldon,
 V. W. Rev. Robert James Simpson, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. Charles John Martyn, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. Robert Paul Bent, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. Henry Adair Pickard, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. William Alfred Hill, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. Charles William Spencer-Stanhope, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. Thomas Robinson, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. John Robbins, *D. D.*, *P. G. C.*
 V. W. Rev. James Nelson Palmer, *P. G. C.*
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 V. W. Major John Woodall Woodall, *P. G. T.*
 V. W. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, *P. G. T.*
 V. W. Frederick Adolphus Philbrick, *Q. C.*, *G. Registrar.*
 V. W. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General purposes.
 V. W. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, *G. Secretary.*
 V. W. Ernest Emil Wendt, *D. C. L.*, *G. Secretary for German Corres-*
 pondence.
 V. W. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence.
 W. William Burdett-Coutts, *M. P.*, *S. G. Deacon.*
 W. George Cooper, *S. G. Deacon.*
 W. Felix Sumner Knyvett, *J. G. Deacon.*
 W. Vincent Paine Freeman, *J. G. Deacon.*
 W. Colonel Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, *K. C. M. G.*, *P. G. D.*

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GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

VISITORS.

- R. W. Robert William Shekleton, *Q. C.* Deputy Grand Master.
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 R. W. Colonel the Right Honorable E. R. King-Harman, *M. P.*, Provincial
 Grand Master for Meath.
 R. W. the Right Honorable Lord Claude Hamilton, *M. P.*

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

R. W. The Right Honorable the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master.
 R. W. The Right Honorable the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master.
 R. W. Frederick E. Villiers, S. G. Warden.
 R. W. James T. S. Elliot, Jun., J. G. Warden.
 R. W. D. Murray Lyon, G. Secretary.
 R. W. J. Dalrymple Duncan, J. G. Deacon.
 R. W. Major F. W. Allan, G. Bible Bearer.
 R. W. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, G. Sword Bearer.
 R. W. The Right Honorable Lord Saltoun.
 R. W. Col. Patrick Stirling.
 R. W. Major Proudfoot Dick.

R. W. His Highness the Maharajah of Kuch-Behar, D. G. Warden, Bengal.
 R. W. Theodore H. Tilton, Past Deputy Grand Master, New York City.
 R. W. General Dominis, of Hawaii.
 The Right Rev. the Bishop of New Westminster, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge British Columbia.

Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Grand Stewards, Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren, in all numbering over six thousand.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, entered the Hall at three o'clock, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and a very large number of Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers, Present and Past, with many Visitors of distinction, and took his seat on the Dais.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, in opening the proceedings, said: "Brethren, this is, I think, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons that I have ever seen, with the exception of the occasion when you conferred upon me the high honour of installing me as your Grand Master. It is most gratifying to me, as I feel sure it will also be to the Queen, that so large a gathering as the one assembled here to-day has taken place for the purpose of doing honour to her on the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne. It will be a proof to her, as it is also to me, of the great devotion and loyalty to the Throne manifested by the Free and Accepted Masons of England. Brethren, we are met here to-day for the purpose of moving an Address to the Queen to congratulate her on having attained the fiftieth anniversary of her Reign. You are well aware that my ancestors, former Sovereigns of England, have always done all they could to support Masonry, for they knew that, though we are a secret Society, we are in no wise a dangerous one. Brethren, among our tenets and I

may say our mottoes, Loyalty and Philanthropy are two of which we are especially proud. It is most gratifying to me, as I said before, to see so large, so important, and so influential a gathering, and I am sure that in the events which are about to take place to celebrate the Jubilee of the Queen, this meeting of Freemasons in the Royal Albert Hall will stand one of the first in the list. I am not here to make a long speech, so we will proceed to business, and I will now call upon the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, to move the first Resolution, but before that is done I would ask the Grand Secretary to read the proposed Address.

The following Address was then read by the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, most respectfully desire to approach the Throne on the auspicious occasion of your Majesty having completed the fiftieth year of your reign over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to assure your Majesty of our fervent and unabated attachment to your Throne and Royal person.

Founded as our ancient institution is on principles of unswerving loyalty to our Sovereign and fidelity to our country, we rejoice to think that the great increase of our Order in all parts of your Majesty's Dominion is in unison with the welfare of the nation and the maintenance of the established Institutions of the land, which it will ever be our earnest desire to preserve inviolate.

We would humbly express our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared your Majesty to reign over these realms for so extended a period, and we pray that He may continue to preserve your Majesty to rule with that full Sovereignty which affection can alone ensure the hearts of your faithful subjects, and more especially of the Fraternity which we to-day represent.

May the Almighty vouchsafe to your Majesty a long and happy continuance of your reign over a loyal and devoted people.

Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 13th day of June, 1887.

ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

FREDERICK ADOLPHUS PHILBRICK, Grand Registrar.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

The EARL OF CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the Address, said : Most Illustrious Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren, I hold it no light honour, Sir, that you have been pleased to confer upon me in desiring me to move the adoption of this Address to Her Majesty the Queen. It is carried, Sir, already by acclamation, and in moving it I can best begin by repeating your Royal Highness's words. I see around me representatives from every part of the civilized world, for it is the prerogative of Masonry that it has Lodges in every part of the globe. But, Sir, whilst it has been

alleged—I care not with how much truth—against some branches of our Order that they have been the friends of revolution, and the enemies of government, as you have truly said, Sir, to-day, in English Freemasonry order and law and loyalty to our Sovereign are the pillars of our ancient Institution. Your Royal Highness alluded to those of your Royal ancestors who have been Patrons of the Craft. I believe, if I am not mistaken, that there have been seventeen of the Princes of the blood Royal of England who have belonged to Freemasonry. May I go a step further and remind you that Her Majesty the Queen is the daughter of a Freemason, that her uncles had been in Freemasonry, that her Royal sons are Freemasons, and that she has a Grandson in the Order. Sir, I might remind this great meeting of the vast increase of English Freemasonry during Her Majesty's Reign, and I might remind them also of the great increase which has resulted from your Royal Highness's rule. But on this occasion our hearts rather turn to the wearer of the English Crown to assure her of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons, to assure her that among the millions of her subjects who own her sway whether among high or low, rich or poor, there are none who are animated with more heartfelt loyal devotedness to her Throne than the Freemasons of England. Your Royal Highness spoke of the fiftieth year. Fifty years are not words to be lightly spoken. There are but three sovereigns in English history who have ruled for half a century, all names that recall great works, the Third Henry, the Third Edward, the Third George. It is a long period in the life of an individual, it is even a long period in the life of a nation when measured by events such as those which have been crowded within the last half century—dangers threatened, successes achieved, troubles passed through, and reforms accomplished. Above all, we have seen during those fifty years Thrones crumbled to the dust, Dynasties overthrown, Kingdoms disappear, new Kingdoms created, storms sweeping over the face of the world, and the map of Europe remodelled, while at home we have been at peace. We celebrate to-day the Jubilee of the beneficent rule of that delicate hand that has presided over the Government of England. We have also seen industrial progress moving with gigantic strides; science passing into depths that we had never suspected before; and I hope and would fain believe many of the social changes accomplished which have made men and women better and happier than they were before. In England we have, in fact, seen parties united, and across the seas we have seen an Empire greater than any over which the eagles of Rome ruled, greater than any which fabulous story dream of, accomplished, and built up by the sturdy hands and hearts of Englishmen. It has been, Sir, a marvellous picture, and if some shadows occasionally pass over the scene they simply warn us that we are mortal, and that we hold the lease of our practical and Imperial life on the same conditions as individuals hold theirs—the conditions of well-doing. But through all that time there has been one central figure. There have been Party watchwords and Party cries, there have been Ministers many, and great policies which have attracted attention, but they can all pass, and some of them have passed almost out of the world.

But the Queen of England has been through them all; she has remained a great central figure, to which the hearts and affections of her subjects have year by year more and more attached themselves, and whose influence has constantly grown. Sir, her sway in public and in private life has no equal, as Sovereign on the Throne and the first lady of the land. And this I can say with absolute truth, that there has never been any great movement of kindness, human charity, and sympathy in this country which has not received support and help from our gracious Sovereign. Sir, in conclusion, I will only echo the last words of that Address, and assure your Royal Highness that from the bottom of our hearts we all pray that God, the great King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the great Architect of the Universe, may continue in His keeping, and preserve for many years to rule over her faithful people in happiness and prosperity; the Queen of England.

The right Honorable the EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, in seconding the Address, said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, your Royal Highnesses, and Brethren,—I think I may safely say this is one of the proudest moments of my life, to be allowed the privilege of seconding the Address to be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty by Her Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the Freemasons of England, on the occasion of this her Jubilee year, the anniversary of the fiftieth year of her reign. As a Body we claim, and I think justly so, that we are surpassed by no other Body in the world in loyalty—loyalty to the Throne in the person of our beloved Sovereign, who has reigned over us so long, so well and so justly. Brethren we are composed entirely of the sterner sex, and I think there is a sentiment, perhaps a special sentiment of poetry in the feelings with which we regard our Royal Patron, who we venture to believe looks with a kindly eye on the ancient mysteries of this Institution and does not wish to penetrate further into them, and that she is satisfied that the Heir to the Throne, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and several other members of the Royal Family belong to our Order, and that its aim and object are not only those of peace and goodwill, but of charity and brotherly love. On this plea we venture to approach Her Majesty and humbly pray that our loyal Address may be graciously received. Will you, Sir, convey to Her Majesty our earnest assurances of our sincere and respectful devotion to her Throne. I think that I shall not be out of place if on this occasion I say that in making those assurances I am but the mouthpiece of the whole body of Freemasons. I beg to second the Address which has been proposed by the Earl of Carnarvon.

THE PRINCE OF WALES; Brethren, you have heard the speeches that have been made by the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. Is it your wish that this Address should be presented to the Queen?

The Address was adopted unanimously amidst loud cheering.

THE PRINCE OF WALES: Brethren it will be for me later to take the Queen's pleasure as to how that Address is to be received.

His Royal Highness having signed the Address, called on the Brethren for three cheers for Her Majesty, which were given with the utmost enthusiasm. The

National Anthem was sung by a present, being led by Brother Sir Arthur Sullivan, the Grand Organist.

THE PRINCE OF WALES. Brethren, we have among us to-day an Indian Prince—the Maharajah of Kuch-Dehar. It affords me great pleasure to announce, as I am sure it will you, to hear, that I am going to confer upon him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden.

His Highness was then conducted to the Throne, where the Prince of Wales cordially shook him by the hand.

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We have now come to the close of our proceedings, but before we depart I have now to announce and declare that the Fees received for admission to this meeting, amounting to over £6,000, will go, and without deduction, between our three great Charitable Institutions, our Girls' School, our Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution.

His Royal Highness The Most Worshipful Grand Master then left the Hall, accompanied as on entering, and amidst loud applause. On reaching the end of the Hall, and at the door on the top of the stairs, His Royal Highness turned round and repeatedly bowed to the Assembly.

CONCLUSION.

In presenting this Report, I desire to acknowledge warmly the kind and voluntary assistance of R. W. Bro. Curren, our Grand Secretary. It is by no means the first time that he has put his able shoulder to the wheel. My cordial thanks are also due to Bro. the Revd. C. W. McCully, whose facile pen, it is to be hoped, will often now be used in the work of reviewing.

DAVID C. MOORE,
For the Committee.





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